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YOUTH TEAM QUALIFIES FOR WORLD FINALS, SO NOW ...



As the Australian youth team prepares for the world championships in Mexico, a former youth star, Oscar Crino, is itching to get back into action. A special feature about Crino appears on pages 2 and 3. He is pictured tackling an Argentinian opponent during the 1981 World Youth Championships in Sydney.

Thomson may coach 'Roos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Eddie Thomson of Sydney City Hakoah may be appointed coach of the Socceroos for their three-match series against England in June.

National coach Les Scheinflug will be in Mexico with the youth team which qualified for the finals of the World Youth Championships in Mexico. Australia qualified when its nearest challenger, Israel was held to a scoreless draw by Costa Rica.

Israel went into the game needing at least a 2-0 victory to overtake Australia.

But Israel had to play without three key players, all suspended: top-scorer Yigal Menahem, and captain Mordechai Iwanir and Uriel Usan who were sent off in their 1-2 loss to Australia.

The Australians, watching the match, celebrated jubilantly when the final whistle sounded.

Scheinflug made it clear before leaving for Costa Rica that if his youth team qualified for the finals, he would accompany it to Mexico in preference to coaching the Socceroos against England.

His assistant, Raul Blanco, could stay at home for the England series, but in a demanding world finals series, the young Socceroos will need the guidance of both Scheinflug and Blanco.

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ABC on again?

The ABC may go ahead with its coverage of the NSL after all.

The coverage was in doubt because the ASF handed TV rights for Australia's international matches to the Seven Network.

The ABC said that if it couldn't cover the international games, it wouldn't cover the NSL either.

But now the ABC has asked for rights to some of the Socceroos' 1985 World Cup qualifying games, and if they get the rights, the NSL programme will go ahead.

Word is that the ASF is prepared to agree to the request.

The ABC's proposed NSL programme would be shown for one hour on Monday or Tuesday nights on about 200 stations nationally.

The Seven Network meanwhile, will show eight of Australia's international games this year.

They will include the three against England in June, games against China, Uruguay and Cameroon in October and perhaps the two against New Zealand this month.

Melbourne station HSV7 however, will show only a few of them — perhaps only the games against England.

Meanwhile, West Nally has guaranteed \$840,000 sponsorship for the NSL up to 1986 plus about \$1.5 million for the Socceroos and national youth teams.

The NSL will draw up a proposal for changes to its competition by late April.



Eddie Thomson

Les Scheinflug

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



Greeks get easy money

In October last year I trained in Greece for the third time. Having been there previously with Olympiakos in 1980 and '81, I this time accepted an invitation to go to Panathinaikos, along with my Sydney Olympic teammate, Peter Raskopoulos.

Over the three visits, I discovered some surprising facts about Greek soccer and its comparison with the game in Australia.

Raskopoulos and I found ourselves training under the great Stefan Kovacs, former Romanian national team manager and boss of Ajax Amsterdam in the Johan Cruyff era.



Kirastis

In Greece, the players are full-time professionals, training at 3 pm every day and sometimes at 10 am as well. Training programmes are systematically arranged and the sessions are designed to cover all aspects of soccer, both physical and mental.

What was surprising was the



Galakos

attitude of the players to training. They do everything in slow motion, in a lazy sort of manner, and that's the sort of game they play. Their training attitude reflects on their play on match days.

Raskopoulos and I were fitter than most of them and when you consider that it was our off-season, it doesn't say much for them.

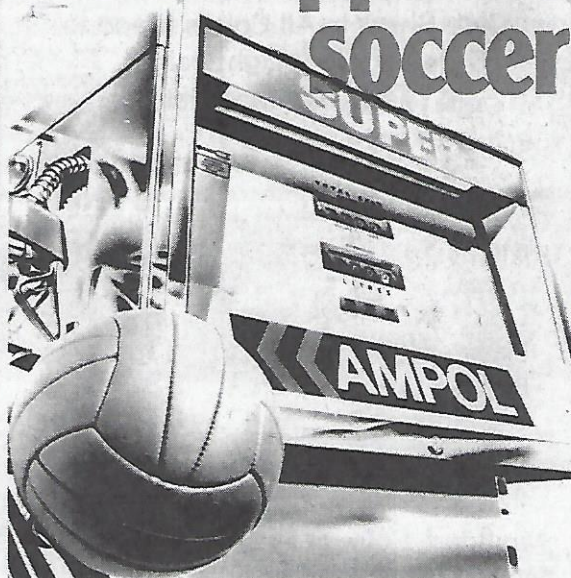
I recall, one session in which we had to do some physical work. You should have heard the complaints! One player had a sore knee, another had a bad groin and so on.

Peter and I just looked at each other and laughed as we recalled the preparation we and the other Australian players had to do for the Meriton Cup in Singapore late last year — training three times a day, seven days a week!

Panathinaikos has spent about \$5 million on building up its present team, it's got a top coaching staff, yet it still can't produce a team that will perform well enough on the park.

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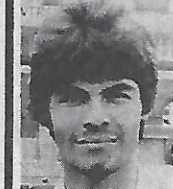
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Oscar Crino (second from left) with the 1980 national youth players, from left, standing: ASFC secretary Brian Emery, Crino, Michael Fraser, Steve Blair, George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Mark Brusasco, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter, Phil Reis. Front: Bill Curran (Victorian youth coach), Steve Hogg, Paul Kay, Peter Tredinnick.



The young Soccerroos at the Israeli Winter Youth Tournament, from left: Brett Woods, David Skeen, Grant Lee, Robert Wheatley, David Watt, Paul Kay, John Little, Oscar Crino, Dennis Ivanac, Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos.

Transfer hassle,



By LAURIE SCHWAB

We spoke with Oscar Crino only two days before he finally was cleared by Hong Kong club Tung Sing. He'd been waiting for more than a month, and he was frustrated, eager but unable to play.

He's known lots of frustration over the past year or so, but there has been a lot of excitement as well: playing in the Hong Kong professional league for up to \$1000 a game and travelling across Europe for three months before going to South Melbourne Hellas.

I defy any Australian 20-year-old to match the experiences Crino has had in his short career!

He's played for Footscray J.U.S.T. and Juventus; for San Lorenzo Juniors in Argentina; he was in the national team that came fifth in the 1981 World Youth Championships; he's played two World Cup games for Australia; he's toured Israel and New Caledonia and he had to commute six times between Hong Kong and Australia while a major row raged here over his transfer fee.

In between, he got seriously ill in Hong Kong and twice had to spend time in hospital.

It looked like plain sailing when he decided late last year to accept an offer from Hellas, but not! Nothing's straightforward in Crino's career.

Apparently the committee of Tung Sing, the Hong Kong club where Crino scored three goals in 10 matches, had changed, and Crino's transfer was delayed by the upheaval. Then Tung Sing wanted the transfer money earlier than had been agreed.

Crino himself was getting sick and tired of all the waiting. Although he'd been training five nights a week along with his Hellas team mates, he'd played in only one game — a practice match against Ajax and then for only 45 minutes.

The fans were missing out on more than Crino. They were being deprived of the chance to watch one of the finest players in Australian soccer.

He has supreme skill, this Argentinian-born virtuoso. More important, he has Latin flair — the ability to entertain, to do the unexpected. Ask anyone who saw him play as sweeper against Argentina, England, Cameroon and

West Germany in the 1981 World Youth finals.

And he's better now than he was then, for he's benefited from the Brazilians in whose company he played in Hong Kong, and also from the time he spent under coach Jim Shoulder at the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

It had been expected that Crino would link up with Steve Blair in Hellas's defence and thus re-establish the partnership they had in the 1981 national youth team, but Crino wants to play in midfield instead, and Rasic will let him.

"As a sweeper you forget a lot of things. It's not real football playing there for a long period," he says. "I want to learn all the time and you can learn a lot in midfield but not if you play sweeper. I reckon I would forget a lot of things if I played sweeper now, when I'm so young."

Among the players from whom he learned at Tung Sing are Jose Da Silva who played for Botafogo in Brazil, Fernando Abel who has represented Portugal, and the captain of Morocco, Joe Abad.

"I had a bit of trouble adjusting to their style of play and to the Hong Kong grounds which are mostly hard and sandy," Crino says. "You can't stop the ball, and you can't let it bounce because it will bounce too high. You have to play it either in the air, or with first-time touches. To the Brazilians, that kind of game is normal, but to me it meant I had to open my eyes again. I liked it though, and the others made it easy by moving into spaces where you couldn't possibly miss them. We played a lot of one-two's, and I retained much of that as part of my game."

It was a sensational squabble over his transfer fee that prompted Crino to take up the offer to join Tung Sing for 10 games. Tung Sing was at the

Eleven left from Kiwis Cup squad

By PAUL MOON

The 15-man New Zealand squad named for the internationals against Australia on February 22 and 27 includes 11 survivors from last year's World Cup.

Those omitted include the retired Bobby Almond, Sam Malcolmson and John Hill.

Brian Turner, Dave Bright, Glen Adam and Peter Simonsen have been dropped, while the overseas-based Richard Wilson (Preston Make-donia), Glen Dods (Adelaide City Juventus), Steve Woodin (South Melbourne Hellas) and Wynton Rufer (FC Zurich) declared themselves unavailable due to business and playing commitments.

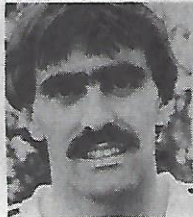
It is surprising that there were not more defections, as all the World Cup campaigners are known to be dissatisfied that their promised reward from the Spanish expedition has not materialised.

Coach John Adshead therefore will be faced not only with the task of blending a new unit when the squad assembles at training camp on February 19, but also quelling discontent over the financial ineptitude of New Zealand's federation.

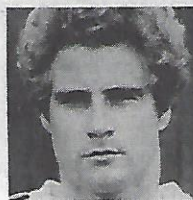
On the field, his main problem is likely to be replacing the Rufer — Woodin strike force up front. He may turn to newcomers Mike Groom and Peter Henry (both of whom have interesting recent histories, with Billy McClure to Kenny Cresswell supporting on the left flank.

Henry, an enigmatic winger, had a brief stint trialling with Sydney City Hakook in 1980 but failed to win a contract. Groom retired from soccer two years ago after a bad patch, to take up road cycling.

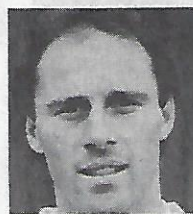
The squad is: Barry Pickering (Miramar Rangers), Frank Van Hattum (Christchurch Mogal United), Ricky Herbert (Sydney Olympic), Allan Boath (West Adelaide), Duncan Cole (Canberra City), Martin Felton (Manurewa), Steve Summer (Manurewa), Keith McKay (Gisborne City), Kenny Cresswell (Gisborne City), Billy McClure (Mount Wellington), Grant Turner (Christchurch Mogal United), Mike Groom (Manurewa), Alex Metzger (Mount Wellington), Adrian Elrick (Hawke's Bay United).



Steve Summer



Grant Turner



Duncan Cole

John Perin quits

Adelaide City's favorite son, John Perin, quit as joint coach last week.

He had been with the club for 18 years as a player, then as sole coach and, from the start of this season, as joint coach with goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson.

"I had a certain board member against me all the way along, so I just couldn't go on," Perin said this week. "Maybe in five or ten years' time they'll come knocking on my door asking me to coach them again but then they'll pay for what they've done to me now."

Perin already has been offered a coaching job with an Adelaide State League side.

He said he also would be interested in coaching offers from Melbourne, as his wife comes from Melbourne. "I have certain principles and I did not like what was



John Perin

happening at Adelaide City," he said.

"Originally I agreed to the joint coaching situation because I thought that's the only way I could keep some control.

"I knew what was happening all along but I thought I'd stick it out as long as I could. I couldn't go on any longer and anyway, we couldn't agree on terms."

"I feel I've done what I could. I sold Bobby Russell for them, and I signed some good players — Joe Mullen and Steve Maxwell, both members of the young Soccerroo squad, and Jimmy Wright from West Adelaide."

"I'm not letting it get me down. It just means it'll take one extra year for me to achieve the success I know I'm capable of."

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\$1000 match fee and sickness in Hong Kong

Now globetrotting Crino seeks new glory with Hellas

bottom of the Hong Kong ladder and needed good players to pull it out of danger.

Crino had been playing for the Institute of Sport team under Jim Shoulder during 1981 but remained tied to Melbourne club Juventus. When he wanted a transfer after the 1981 Youth titles, Juventus placed a \$25,000 fee on his head. He appealed to the ASF, claiming his contract stipulated he could move for \$1000. The ASF upheld his appeal but Juventus appealed against that decision and the fee was set finally at \$10,000.

He was playing on loan for Tung Sing during this period, flying back and forth to Australia six times because of the transfer fee dispute.

The change in diet and the dehydration caused by tropical humidity sent Crino into hospital twice and during the worst period, he couldn't eat for almost two weeks.

But he played very well in his 10 games for Tung Sing and the club agreed to pay Juventus the \$10,000 fee even though Crino was on only a six-month contract and there were only three or four games left. In the end, it paid off for Tung Sing, for the club pulled itself out of relegation danger, finishing third-last.

Hong Kong has proved a goldmine for a number of Australian players, including Jim Muir (Marconi), Brian Sinclair (Wilhelmina) and especially Peter Sharnie (Marconi).

"I never played against Sharnie's team, Eastern, but I watched them a couple of times, and Sharnie did really well," Crino says. "He's been scoring regularly and he's the fastest player in Hong Kong. He seems to be well adjusted there and he's got a good income."

Crino's best pay packet was close to \$1000 for a 1-1 draw with Hong Kong's glamor club, Seiko which, along with Bulova pays its



Crino (right) scores against Romania during the 1981 Winter Youth Tournament in Israel.

players between \$3000 and \$4000 a month as a matter of course.

Terry Byrne of Canberra City joined Tung Sing briefly while Crino was there, and they played a few matches together. Canberra's Tony Brennan joined as a guest player later, and Vic Fernandez, former coach of Canberra, became coach of Tung Sing during Crino's stay.

When his contract had expired, Crino took a three-month holiday in Europe, visiting Spain, Italy, Greece and Monaco to look up friends. Then it was back to Melbourne and Hellas was lucky enough to grab him first. He had not however, signed a contract with Hellas when we spoke with him last week.

A curious aspect about Hong Kong soccer is that most of the teams train on the one central park area, meaning they have to stagger their training times to avoid congestion. Crowds are as high as

30,000 especially for matches between Seiko and Bulova.

Asked whether he saw his future in Australia or in overseas soccer (his former national team mate Paul Kay plays for Charlton Athletic in England), Crino said:

"I'm happy right here. This is my home, and I like Hellas. The people are good, the players are friendly and I just want to enjoy my soccer. As for the national team, I don't know. I just have to start from scratch, like I did with the youth team. I had to work hard to be successful there, and I'll have to work hard to get into the national team. You don't achieve such things overnight."

He has high regard for Hellas coach Rale Rasic. "He has a thorough knowledge of the game. He's in complete command of what he's doing all the

time and everything he says is commonsense. He lets the players know where they stand and the whole team pulls the same way. We'll get better results than we've been getting so far, once we've been together four or five games. As for the championship, we'll know a few weeks into the season. We have the quality players; it just depends on how good the other teams are."

Crino played junior soccer for a year before coming to Australia with his family at the age of 10. He was coached by Pepe Ogilvie at Footscray J.U.S.T., in the company of Suleiman Curovic, Vlatko Belic and Slobodan Stojcevi, until he was 15. Then he moved to Juventus where he played in the under 16s and then had two senior seasons, under coaches Tony Boggi and Manny Poulakakis.

His team mates in the Juventus under 16s included Joe Angele who plays for Heidelberg now, and Fabio Incantalupo the youth international.

When he joined Shoulder's Sports Institute team in 1981, his intention was to do a computer course. However, he got a job instead, as an interpreter with the Argentine Embassy in Canberra. It was a chance to use his Spanish and Italian.

Under Shoulder, he and the other players did sprinting and weightlifting every morning from 7.45 am to 8.30 am, and training again from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. On the weekend, they competed in the national youth league against teams from Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong. Crino scored nine goals that season, playing in midfield.

"I had to develop my body and I did that at the Institute, through weight work," Crino says. "Shoulder helped us all a lot. He's one of the very few coaches who can make you realise what you're doing wrong without putting you down."

Crino was in the national youth team that competed unsuccessfully in the Israeli Winter Youth Tournament in 1980, losing to Greece 0-1, Romania 1-3 and Israel 1-2, and drawing 0-0 with Sweden.

Although the results were poor, the experience gained was invaluable. In 1981 Crino went to New Caledonia with the youth team, winning all of three games, in preparation for the World Youth Championship finals, staged in Australia.

The young Socceroos caused a world-wide shock by beating the defending world champion, Argentina, 2-1 in the opening match at the Sydney Sports Ground, with Mark Koussas and Ian Hunter scoring the goals.

They then drew 3-3 with Cameroon and 1-1 with England to qualify for the quarter-finals, where they were beaten 1-0 by the eventual world champion, West Germany.

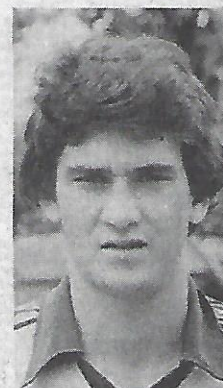
As further preparation for the youth championships, the youth team replaced the senior national team for the final two World Cup qualifying games, against Indonesia in Surabaya and Taiwan in Taipei.

Crino thus has played two full international matches and has scored four goals in 13 games for the national youth team.

And the Hellas fans have seen nothing yet



Oscar Crino



Paul Kay — Crino's former team-mate, now playing for Charlton in England.



WE'VE BEEN CHEATING THE PUBLIC

We, the players and the coaches, are being irresponsible!

We are robbing the paying customer who parts with \$5 to watch Ampol Cup games.

Most coaches and players were not ready for the Ampol Cup kick-off, so the paying customer is not getting his money's worth.

The teams, the players and the clubs he admires are not playing well and so they are not giving him pleasure in return for his dollar.

Many players out there on the field appear still to be on holidays, and the worst offenders are the clubs that allow this to happen.

I would not employ a coach who doesn't give me a thorough training programme and who puts a player into a game only days after he has arrived back from holiday. To a player carrying excessive weight, a 70-minute game can be pure hell. Imagine if it were 90 minutes!

In Japan, all coaches get together before the season starts, to exchange pre-season training plans. All suggestions are put together and out of it all comes a comprehensive and uniform training programme which all the clubs follow in the best interest of the game.

The Japanese and the German training formulas are well-studied, well-prepared and accepted, and they are there for us to follow. Some people however, don't want to spoil their easy, lazy, Christmas holiday period. Some players want to go overseas in January and come back for the kick-off to the season. Others want to go on their honeymoons.

But if they want to be paid for playing soccer, they must forget about all that. They must prepare properly and they must not regard the Ampol Cup as an extension of their training sessions. Fans do not pay \$5 for a training session.

We blame the Press for not glorying teams during the Ampol Cup, but what is there to glory if half the players are unfit?

At least the national league clubs should get together for a seminar of the coaches to discuss pre-season training. If the State League clubs want to join in, all the better.

That way we could arrive at one uniform programme for all clubs to follow.

The game of soccer, despite what many people may think, is not only about playing, but more about running. It is characterised less and less by possession, and if the players can't do the running that's necessary, then they can't aspire to be top soccer players.

Since an article appeared in the Press about Hellas seeking players for its youth and State League teams, we've had 80 showing up to training, and Jack Reilly has gone through 12 goalkeepers.

Our policy is to have a State League team made up almost exclusively of young players. Against George Cross in the Buffalo Cup, we won 3-1 with a team including Vlado Bozinoski, Nick van Egmond Jr, Mark Perce and Jim Kalamakakis, all excellent prospects.



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Ajax may go to court

Green Gully Ajax has threatened court action if it doesn't win an appeal against the VSF reducing John Gardiner's transfer fee from \$5000 to \$2500.

Ajax official Arnold Langer says: "If the appeal fails we'll take out a court injunction."

Gardiner, now coach of Croatia, wants also to play for the club. He played sweeper at Ajax last season and also was assistant to coach Bobby McLachlan.

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Rainbows, dreams, well-laid plans

The shifting, volatile nature of modern society is reflected in Australian soccer as we kick off the 1983 season.

In NSW, in particular, there have been tremendous upheavals during the close season which will have their effect in the coming months.

There was the killing and then the resurrection of Sydney City.

Sydney City will not be the same force in 1983 because of a much reduced budget. The budget cut reflects the times, as social clubs and sponsors are less able to prop up sporting groups.

An even more dramatic event than the Sydney City saga took place in NSW in the summer as a prominent official of State League club Riverwood, was arrested for alleged fraud.

He had helped take Riverwood from a perennial relegation prospect to a title contender finishing in third place last year.

And Riverwood had employed Atti Abonyi as a full-time coach and bought numerous top players, including last season's Rothmans award winner, John Stoddart.

With the official awaiting trial, Abonyi and Stoddart, plus others have left the club because of the money drought at Riverwood.

The club's status will now revert to what it was some years ago.

While all of the Sydney clubs, including Wollongong Wolves, have been tightening their belts, Sydney Olympic has been on a spending spree.

The purchase of Ricky Herbert, the New Zealand world cup defender, APLA striker Marshall Soper and Sydney City's young midfielder star, Jim Patikas cost the club a pretty penny.

It is part of an estimated budget for the year of \$300,000.

When you consider that the Olympic social club is a limp-



Mike Johnson

ing passenger and the soccer club has only \$50,000 in sponsorship guaranteed for the coming season, it is an awful lot of money to find.

Olympic is relying on gate receipts to get it out of trouble. With admission money going up with inflation, it is the clubs that can draw at the gate which are best able to survive the current money squeeze.

We're talking of course, about the Greek clubs and to a lesser extent the Italian-supported clubs.

But sound management still remains a prerequisite of any successful business venture.

In today's world, badly managed businesses take a terrible mauling, many of them to be buried and never seen again.

With soccer in such a state of flux, with so many comings and goings and so little that is solid and traditional, it is worth looking to some of the long-standing pillars in the game.

One is the Ampel Cup which traditionally has started the season for most states.

It is difficult to find many more, unless we look to the long-standing personnel such as Sir Arthur George and Eric Worthington, one the boss of soccer generally, the other boss of soccer coaching and both assailed on all sides in recent years, but both still standing and surviving.

Rale Rasac, Les Scheinflug and Cedo Cirkovic are among the survivors in the coaching world who are all well into their second decade of coaching.

Scheinflug, with a decade as a top player before starting coaching, has been involved at top level of Australian soccer for quarter of a century.

That is a considerable achievement.

John Warren is emerging as a personality in the media, and such personalities are badly needed if soccer is to spread its influence wider and deeper throughout Australian society.

While Sydney Olympic will try to buy its first ever major trophy this year to celebrate its 25th year of existence, there is an interesting experiment happening at Blacktown City in Sydney's western suburbs.

Secretary-manager of Blacktown, Peter Thorne, is trying to prove that an all-Australian club and team can be successful in Australia.

With the move of Rale Rasac to Melbourne, Thorne has employed an Australian coach, Casey de Bruin, to look after the senior teams in the club.

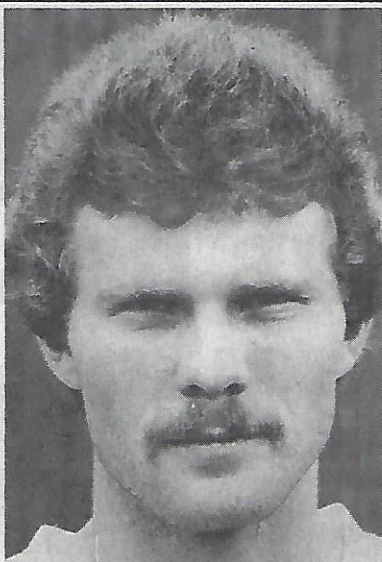
He joins another Australian coach, David Lee, who is overseeing an ambitious youth scheme, part of which comprises a special squad which to date has not played competitive games, but has concentrated on the development of technical skill.

It is Thorne's hope that a future successful Blacktown City first team will be made up predominantly from his "super squad".

Sydney Olympic wants its success with one big "splat" this year, while Blacktown works away for its day to come.

They are each at opposite ends of the spectrum of Australian soccer, filled with its rainbows, dreams, ambitions and well laid plans.

It will be interesting, even fascinating to observe how they and all the rest fare in the season coming up.



Sydney Olympic's New Zealand defender Ricky Herbert.

Will Herbert learn to be ruthless?

BY PAUL MOON

Yet another New Zealand international is attempting to make a name for himself in Australian soccer. This time it is lanky central defender Ricky Herbert who has been lured across the Tasman in search of fame and the Aussie dollar.

Regarded as one of the finest ever New Zealand born and bred players, Herbert represented both Auckland and North Island at under 14, under 16 and under 19 grades before making his Rothmans National League debut with Mount Wellington, the club his father served as president in 1978.

He made 11 appearances in a team that lost the league title only on goal difference and he became an automatic selection for New Zealand during that November's Oceania Youth Tournament, proving one of the better players on display.

Yet he was still not certain of a place in the star-laden Mount Wellington side, so Herbert moved to provincial club Nelson United, where further attention was gained during many composed and intelligent displays in the heart of Nelson's defence.

With New Zealand's first team touring Britain, Herbert was named in a B squad scheduled to compete in the Oceania Cup in New Caledonia. Unfortunately the tournament was postponed until the following year, by which time the selection was back.

Herbert would not have been available anyway, being on trial with English First Division club Middlesbrough — trying to follow in Craig Johnston's footsteps. But after playing for the Teesiders' reserve and youth sides, he was rejected.

Fourth Division Darlington did offer terms but acceptance would have brought only a slightly improved standard of soccer to that available in New Zealand and scant financial reward.

Herbert returned home to rejoin Mount Wellington and was an ever-present in their league-cup double winning team of 1980. His career was now really taking off for he was named the New Zealand Soccer Writer's Association Young Player of the Year and gained his first senior international cap during the epic 4-0 victory over Mexico.

It was during the World Cup qualifiers though that the 5'11" stopper "came of age". The youngest member of the side, he played in all 15 games on the road to Spain.

Not only did Herbert form an imposing barrier at the back, but, when moving forward, his heading ability brought invaluable goals from set pieces. Two superbly executed efforts — one the match winner against China, the other a last gasp equaliser against Saudi Arabia — kept New Zealand's dreams alive.

Despite the disappointment of the Middlesbrough experience, the shop assistant still believed himself capable of earning his living as a full-time player overseas and, for the second time, set off for England in the pursuit of a professional contract. On this occasion his destination was Southampton.

After a series of encouraging performances for the Saints' reserves, Herbert was disappointed when discarded by manager Lawrie McMenemy, who preferred to sign local players he believed to be of similar ability.

It took some time to overcome this setback. Back in his own country, he produced only mediocre form in domestic football and was dropped from the starting line-up for the Kiwis' World Cup opener opposing Scotland.

Herbert came on as substitute against the Scots and was involved for the full 90 minutes in the USSR and Brazil encounters, producing resolute, competent performances but not enough to impress top European clubs as he had hoped.

Having played on a non-contract basis with Mount Wellington in 1982, the personable 21-year-old was still a free agent. Not requiring a transfer fee, an increasing number of Australian clubs began to take interest.

Initially it appeared that Canberra City would secure his signature but terms could not be agreed, allowing Sydney Olympic to step in.

Herbert is aware that the majority of his compatriots have failed to come to terms with top Australian football but will face the challenge before him with determination.

Although always keen to improve his game, Herbert has one obvious weakness — a lack of ruthlessness. Tommy Docherty may be just the coach to rectify this.

Eltham Summer Cup

The Eltham Summer Cup, to be known as the 'National Mutual' Summer Cup after the club's major sponsor, will be held on Sunday February 27 at the North Eltham ground.

Among teams taking part are previous winners, Greenborough and Heidelberg.

Food and refreshments will be on sale throughout the day and a BBQ will be held after the presentation.

There are a couple of vacancies left and further information may be obtained from Gordon Kirkwood on 342 5742 (bus) or at the club on Tuesdays and Thursdays on 439 9222.

On Friday February 18, the club will present a family variety night in the North Eltham hall. Stars appearing include Ron Blackett and Gerry Gee, and comedian Laurie Levy. The show starts at 7.30 pm.

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT



Saints prosper, Hakoah still in turmoil

Many of our NSL clubs are in despair over their financial plight; some even keep passing the hat around for the odd hundred bucks here and there, just as if we were still back in the late fifties.

So it's refreshing to be able to congratulate St George Budapest on its promotion of the recent Challenge Cup series involving Sydney Olympic, APLA and Wollongong.

The two rounds played at St George stadium on Sunday nights attracted bumper crowds totalling some 12,000.

Several factors were behind the good attendances: balmy weather, the judicious choice of Greek and Italian supported clubs and, not least, the public's hunger to see grown men chase a round ball around under the lights after the lengthy summer layoff.

Everyone was satisfied in the end.

The teams got good match practice, the crowds saw some pretty competitive stuff — especially in the final match between Olympique and the Saints — the clubs all collected their share of the takings and the home club no doubt banked a healthy sum.

Not a minor consideration in a year when Frank Arok has been told to trim expenses by about half from last year's budget of \$400,000 plus!

A hefty part of the St George expenses goes in salary to Arok, but, by crikie, he is worth every cent of it.

Another Bayutti

It didn't take Sydney City Hakoah long to find out that economy is one thing, but that you can't run a professional soccer team from the proverbial "kitchen table" anymore.

Hence the appointment last week of Paul Bayutti — son of the well known Jim of APLA and ASF fame some years ago — as part-time club secretary.

Plans called for Harry Lakmaker to take over the administrative duties of Mike Urukalo, who got the short shift after last November's "palace revolution" at Hakoah.

Obviously that didn't work out.

Lakmaker remains team director but Bayutti now will take over administrative duties in his "spare time".

Young Bayutti's main crust will continue to come from the family business with his dad, while his previous soccer experience was with Star Soccer Camps, which has managed to attract quite a number of youngsters in school holidays.

Hakoah turmoil

While still on last year's champions, the turmoil continues behind the scenes.

Plans are afoot to alter the Hakoah Club's articles of association, with the aim of getting more soccer-minded people onto the board of directors.

At the moment all but two of the voting members of the board are unelected, holding their positions on the strength of \$5000 debentures purchased a decade ago.

Only three of the directors, Andrew Lederer, Tibor Glass and Harry Fulop — very much a minority — are wholeheartedly in favor of continuing in professional soccer.

The uproar among members following the decision of the unelected majority of directors without even bothering to consult the membership to withdraw from the NSL may well lead to moves for wholesale reform.

Due to the uniquely restrictive nature of the articles of association, this may not occur until the 1984 annual meeting.

That tempers are getting frayed and people are becoming touchy was eloquently illustrated at a recent meeting of soccer supporters, when club president Frank Lowy stormed out in a huff.

The reason for Frank's displeasure?

Some supporters objected to his statement that "the club" decided to pull out of the NSL last November.

Of course, it wasn't the club or its membership, but only a majority of the unelected directors.

Let's be honest

Memo ASF: Please, please, please, preserve the credibility of our sport now, before it's too late.

Too often soccer has been battered by public relations fiascos of its own making.

Now we have the England tour looming on the horizon.

Everyone knows that, whatever the tourists are designated as, it will in fact be nothing better than the England "B" team which hits our shores.

My revolutionary suggestion is that we actually call them the England "B" team.

It will still be more than useful opposition for the Socceros and the public at large won't feel that the ASF is trying to hoodwink them.

Truly, a bit of honesty can pay off in the long run.

Need a keeper?

Melbourne-Hungaria goalkeeper Jim Green is looking for a new club.

He previously played for Juventus, Makedonia, Albion Rovers and Morwell Falcons.

He would prefer a position as player-assistant coach, and can be contacted on 467 3646.

Maitland free

Norm Maitland, who served George Cross for 10 years, is available on a free transfer.

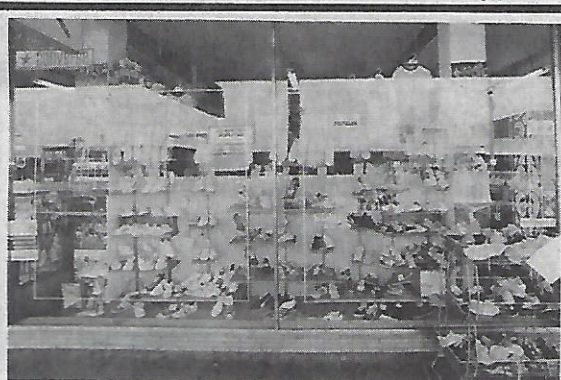
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APIA knocked out, Saints hit eight

Exit APIA Leichhardt, a struggle for Olympic and Sydney City, and Wollongong doesn't have it all its own way against Polonia. That is the sad tale of NSL clubs in the 1983 NSW Ampol Cup.

APIA, with Valeri, Bertogna and Tredinnick to boot, failed yet again to impress and went down to this fighting outfit from Cronulla, thanks to a goal by Mark Harrington. Johnny Watkiss, the ex-APIA star and Sutherland's coach was quite happy with his side, while Phil Bottalico, his old team mate, had very little to cheer about.

While St George and Marconi were hammering their way past State League outfits, Bankstown and Auburn, the glamour team of this competition and yet again one of the early favourites for the national league title, Sydney Olympic, looked anything but comfortable against Riverwood. In fact there was very little between the two sides and luck played its part to give Olympic entry into the quarter-finals.

Star-studded Sydney City was fared to hammer Canterbury, but it took some poor shooting by Canterbury and seven minutes of indiscretion by its defence to let Sydney City slip through.

Wollongong has managed to get its first win of the season after suffering three defeats in the Super Challenge Cup, but even against Polonia it looked sluggish in the midfield and poor in defence.

Syd. Olympic 3 Riverwood 1

Ground: St George Stadium
Crowd: 4552 (double header)
Referee: Gary Power
Goals: Raskopoulos, Phillips, Katholos (SO), Walker (R).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Rogers 6, Scott 5 (Daleos 60'), Herbert 6, Rowden 7, Raskopoulos 6, Phillips 6, Katholos 6, Wilson 6 (Zivkovic 60'), Kousani 6, Jamellides 6.
RIVERWOOD: Gishbourne 8, Butcher 4, Mikas 6, Forester 8, Cousins 6, Smith 7, Parker 6, Davies 6, Tracey 6, Walker 7, Jones 7.

Riverwood, the side hit with all sorts of problems at the start of the season, gave Sydney Olympic, the glamour side of the NSL, more than just



By ALEX VESIC

NSW Ampol Cup round 2:

Sydney City - Canterbury 3-1, DeMarigny, Murray, Kosmina (pen) (SC), Thamnides (C)
Melita Eagles - Blacktown 1-1, McKie (M), Selvaige (B)
Wollongong - Polonia 4-2, Cotton 2, O'Connor, Fontana (W), SOBZYK, Smith (P)
Sydney Olympic - Riverwood 3-1, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Katholos (SO), Walker (R)
Marconi - Auburn 5-1, Jankovics 3, Henderson, Bozanic pen (M), Nesbitt (A)
Croatia - Yugal 2-0, Pagano, Woods (pen) (C)
St George - Bankstown 8-0, Koczka 3, Slater 2, Martin, Wilkinson, Ratcliffe (SG)
Sutherland - APIA-Leichhardt 1-0, Harrington
Quarter final matches:
Marconi - Wollongong
Croatia - Melita or Blacktown
St George - Sydney Olympic
Sydney City - Sutherland

a fair share of troubles at St George Stadium before going down.

In fact the game looked even with Riverwood in with a real chance of knocking this Olympic side out of the Cup after Barry Walker scored a superb goal midway through the second half.

But only three minutes after that equaliser, Riverwood's plans were shattered by the best player on the park, hard working Garry Phillips. A cross by Peter Raskopoulos from the right found Phillips alone at the far post and he steadied before blasting his shot past Gishbourne.

Then came the best goal of the game and the shot which to some extent relaxed this large Sydney Olympic support. Peter Katholos took a few strides before unleashing his power laden thunderbolt which gave Gishbourne no chance from 30 metres.

Static lines with no semblance of organised play or wish to interchange positions and create space gave its opponent every opportunity. Tommy Docherty, who is on business in London, will have to issue some stern warnings to a number of players on his return if Olympic is to be among the top teams. Marshall Soper, missing last week's line-up, was sadly missed in front of goal and I am sure he will be rushed back

into the side for the clash with St George.

Sydney C. 3 Canterbury 1

Ground: St George Stadium
Crowd: 4552 (double header)
Referee: Arthur Owens 6
Yellow cards: Kosmina (SC), Hantzis (CM).
Goals: De Marigny, Murray, Kosmina pen (SC), Thamnides (CM).
SYDNEY CITY: Pazzano 7, Mullen 7, Robertson 6, Gomez 7, Bruce 6, Murray 6, Watson 7, Souness 6, Boden 4 (De Marigny 50' 8), Fletcher 5 (Lee 64'), Kosmina 6.
CANTERBURY: Eskin 8, Antonopoulos 6, Laws 7, Binios 6, Anagnostopoulos 5 (L. Psoukas 54'), Andrews 6, Vassiliou 6, Papadoulas 6, Demetriou 5 (M. Philippou 64'), Thamnides 6, Hantzis 5.

This was by far the worst match of round two with neither side capable of positive and attractive soccer. Sydney City looked slow, jaded and unimaginative, with traces of fatigue caused by a long summer holiday.

Without Arnold, Miskovic, Ross Brown and Basterfield, Canterbury looked set for a hell of a hammering. Especially when you looked at the side which took the field for the Australian champion with Boden, Kosmina, Watson, Mullen, Souness, Robertson and Co. all on show.

However, Canterbury was not going to lay down and

came out fighting and came within a whisker of upsetting this sluggish looking Bondi outfit.

Paradoulos at one end, then Fletcher at the other, missed early opportunities, before some anxious moments eventuated in the Canterbury penalty area then yet another opportunity for Fletcher but his shot was cleared off the line. In the last minute of the first half, as fans yawned with gay abandon, Gerald Gomez managed to hit the crossbar with a good header, then seconds later Canterbury broke through with Thamnides pursued by Robertson. However, luck was on City's side as the shot by the ex-Pan Hellenic star went straight at Tony Pezzano.

Frustration among the City players almost cost John Kosmina a sending off. He received a yellow card for a late push on Greg Laws, then minutes later was pulled up by Arthur Owens for yet another late tackle. It looked curtains for the Sydney City and Australian striker as Owens strode towards Kosmina with a hand in his pocket. But, instead of another card out came an empty hand with a finger of warning.

As it was, Kosmina stayed on the park and soon after, De Marigny shot City into the lead. Four minutes later Willie Murray intercepted a back pass to make it 2-0, then Kosmina scored from the spot to put the issue beyond doubt only a minute later.

Chris Thamnides made it 3-1 with seconds remaining, showing glimpses of his form which made him one of the most talented players in the State League some ten years ago.

Wollongong 4 Polonia 2

Ground: Melita Stadium
Crowd: 2105
Referee: Brian Fowler 7
Goals: Cotton 2, Fontana, O'Connor (W), Sobczyk, Smith (P).
WOLLONGONG: Preston 7, Williams 6, Fleming 6, Pollard 6, Kerr 6, Gaffney 5, Waldron 6, Morlando 6, Fontana 6, Cotton 7, O'Connor 8.
POLONIA: Seltenpool 7, Pritchard 6, Giekie 7, Lasek 6, Gales 6, Steadick 5, Thomas 4 (Dickson 40' 6), Garkowski 7, Ortega 5, Sobczyk 6, Smith 6.

Wollongong laboured from most of the first half and through some periods of the second half before subduing its pale opponent from the lower reaches of the State League.



NSW AMPOL CUP

The long-striding referee, Brian Fowler, came off the park and described the game as "very pleasant". Sure it was: for the referee that is. With little if no bite at all, Wollongong had to rely heavily on its star strikers Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton to get them through and believe me, it was only this duo that managed to raise their heads after this match.

After an uneventful first half hour, it was Phil O'Connor who found the net first but was ruled offside. Seconds later Phil Kerr broke through on the left hand side and crossed for O'Connor to head home from close range.

Two minutes later Polonia equalised. Ziggy Garkowski, the star of this Polonia outfit, started a move well within his own half. His final pass to Rob Giekie was the decider. Giekie was in the clear on the left flank and his cross found Henry Sobczyk at the far post. Sobczyk trapped the ball then lobbed an advancing Preston to make it 1-1.

After eight minutes of the second half, Wolves were in the lead. A cross by Gaffney, header by Fontana and it was as simple as that. Seltenpool was beaten. Another eight minutes elapsed before Roy Cotton made it 3-1. This time it was a cross from Kerr which gave Cotton the chance.

Polonia came back through Smith after some clever work by Sobczyk and a superb through ball by Giekie, but almost from the kickoff Wollongong scored through its enterprising front-running duo. O'Connor crossed, curling the ball around many defenders for Cotton to stick out his toe and push the ball into the net.

Melita 1 Blacktown 1

Ground: Melita Stadium
Crowd: 2105
Referee: Ken Small 7
Yellow cards: M. Cross
Goals: Selvaige (BD), McKie (ME).
MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 8, Williams 4, Fogarty 6, Ankudinoff 6 (McCoy 50' - 7), Cross 5 (Cheloner 66'), McAusland 6, Jamieson 6.

Farrugia 7, Allen 6, Duarte 5, McKie 7.
BLACKTOWN: Freeman 8, Wheatley 7, Rasmussen 6, Turnbull 6, Pointer 7, McLaughlin 5 (Selvaige 46'), Brogan 6, Guarmby 7, Lumsdaine 6, Larkin 7 (Berton 86').

According to records from Melita officials, Blacktown has never beaten Melita Eagles in any division.

However, half way through the second half, Emmanuel Said, Melita's president, conceded defeat. "They are more positive," he said, almost resigned to defeat, after Selvaige has but Blacktown ahead.

With five of last year's youth team members in the side, Blacktown has gained speed which will trouble most sides in this year's State League.

Larkin, Lumsdaine, Plumb, Quarmby, Wheatley, Batten, McLaughlin and the rest were quite impressive, with Wheatley much more confident and relaxed among the rest of the youngsters.

This lot of Demons never gave Manly a minute's rest in the first round and continued in the same style against Melita. Their enthusiasm however might prove their own undoing as they come forward.

After some six minutes of play, Blacktown almost paid for its thin backline. Losing the ball in attack, Blacktown was opened to a quick counter and Jamieson wasted no time in pushing a great through ball to Farrugia who came face to face with Freeman. Farrugia's shot beat Freeman but also the far post.

A brave dive by Freeman at the feet of Don Allan kept Blacktown in the game, then came a replacement which changed the match. Stuart Selvaige, "The Smurf", came on for Michael McLaughlin and some two minutes later it was Selvaige who scored what appeared to be the winning goal.

Michael Quarmby hit a blistering drive from some 25 metres which was well saved by McPherson but Selvaige was on the spot to pick up a rebound and slot it into the net.

Melita came back looking for an equaliser but seldom showed the bite one is used to seeing from them. Then it all

changed with some 14 minutes to go. Following a corner kick from the right, Pointer headed away, but straight to Farrugia whose shot looked set to find the net. It appeared to have rebounded off the post, straight against the legs of John McKie and back into the net.

In extra time both sides seemed content to play out time until the replay, set for this Tuesday.

Marconi 5 Auburn 1

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 3200
Goals: Jankovics 3, Henderson, Bozanic pen (M), Nesbitt (A).
MARCONI: Maher, Bozanic, Rizotto, Henderson, Budini, Djordjevic, Giannone, Hunter, Carbone, Jankovics, Silva (Gang).
AUBURN: McGilley, Goughley, McInerney, Pigomella, McMillan, Bobanic, Nesbitt, McDonald (Sullivan), Turner, Lagan, Carney.

Croatia 2 Yugal 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 3200
Goals: Woods pen, Pagano.
CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Toneski, Basic, Coyne, C. Campbell (Pagano), Savor, Rezo, Kovacic, Carizzo, Heneman.

YUGAL: Berry, Cummings (Colderovic), Randall, McIntosh, Clarke, Tanoski, Turkublu, Rodas, George, Mario (Baland), Karacan.

St George 8 Bankstown 0

Stadium: St George
Goals: Koczka 3, Slater 2, Martin, Wilkinson, Ratcliffe.
ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Koczka, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Wilkinson, J. O'Shea, Martin.
BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Blackburn, Luckman, Agostino, Rootway, Harrison, Bourke, York, Dalton, King, Beck.

Sutherland 1 APIA 0

Ground: St George
Goals: Mark Harrington
SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Cashman, Hazford, Scharfeger, Dalfrono, Watkins, Harrington, Webber, Knowles, Clinch, C. Rogers.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Parks, Cassachio, Brown, Bradley, Pullen, Bottalico, Tredinnick, Marzello, Valeri, Bertogna, Giampolo.

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4 (MacLeod 10th, Tutill 15th, Lujic 28th, Kondarios 49th) **JUVENUS 1** (G. Bannon 22nd). Second round Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, double header. Crowd: about 4,000. Referee: Fokianos 4.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 - Stojanovic 7, Kondarios 7, O'Reilly 7, Hazabent 7 - Ilioski 9, Bello 7, Tutill 7 - Simic 7 (Ristovski 63rd), Macleod 7, Lujic (Inj. Cazzella 31st 7).

JUVENUS: Fantome 6 (Clayton h.t. 7) - V. Bannon 6 (Inj. Romano 44th), P. Bannon 6, Donaldson 7, Hind 7 - G. Bannon 7, Rogers 6, Swinnee 6 (Ziel h.t. 6) - Lloyd 7, French 6, Nelson 5.

REASON FOR VICTORY: J.U.S.T.'s Zoran Ilioski was the outstanding midfielder while Juventus newcomer Billy Rogers had a poor game. Ilioski and Graham Tutill, especially Tutill in the first half, continually drove J.U.S.T. forward and Paddy Bannon and his fellow defenders simply couldn't cope. In recent times J.U.S.T. hasn't made a name for itself as a side which gets men forward quickly in numbers. It was different here, though.

In the second half, with Juventus committed to pushing up to try to reduce its two-goal half-time deficit, speedy Bruno Cazzella always threatened Juventus on the break.

THE TACTICS: You don't need to tell Tutill to get forward; that's a feature of his game. It was Donaldson v Macleod from the outset and now that J.U.S.T. has a target to aim for up front, especially in the air, we'll see J.U.S.T. getting in many more crosses than is customary. It could prove to be a simple yet effective plan. Macleod's presence gives J.U.S.T. much more bite in a strictly physical sense. He tangled ferociously with Donaldson and Ged Bannon and although felled off-the-ball in the second half he recovered and had one Juventus defender waiting for a retaliatory blow for the remainder of the match. Indeed, Juventus became so paranoid about Macleod's threat in the air



Steve Short in new colors

that it led to J.U.S.T.'s fourth goal but more about that later.

THE TURNING POINT: For me the crucial moment came when brothers Vince and Paddy Bannon combined in a dreadful defensive blunder in the 28th minute which allowed Zdravko Lujic to nip in and restore J.U.S.T.'s two-goal lead.

THE GOALS: Ilioski's near-post corner in the 10th minute found Macleod jumping unchallenged to send a well-directed back-header over Alex Fantoma and inside the far post.

Five minutes later, with the Juventus defence looking ragged, Paul Simic crossed from the right wing. Ilioski gained possession inside the area and slipped the ball wide to Tutill. The former Frankston City player hammered a rising first-time shot in off the underside of the bar. The incoming Macleod made sure of the goal but the ball already had crossed the line from Tutill's shot.

Juventus hit back in the 22nd minute. Igor Hazabent was slow to push forward as J.U.S.T. tried to use the off-side play. Kevin Lloyd got free on the right and crossed to the far post. Jim Kondarios beat Graham French in the air and headed away but Ged Bannon, from just inside the area, volleyed first-time, sending the ball flashing inside the near post. Dennis Boland did well to get a hand to the ball but Bannon had struck it too firmly.

Six minutes later the mistake of the match and Lujic's persistence restored J.U.S.T.'s two-goal cushion. Boland punted the ball long.

Bannon misjudged the bounce, allowing Lujic to break clear and toe-poke the ball under the body of advancing Fantoma.

J.U.S.T. completed its convincing win in the 49th minute. Tutill was pulled down just outside the area on J.U.S.T.'s left. Ilioski took the resultant free kick. Macleod made a run to the near post, taking two Juventus defenders with him. Ilioski curled the ball to the back post where Kondarios headed in from six metres.

GOOD PERFORMANCES: Ilioski had a fine game. With about 10 minutes to go he made a 50 metre off-the-ball run toward his own goal, covering a Juventus attacker as the black and whites moved the ball down their right wing. No more than a minute later Ilioski was inside J.U.S.T.'s attacking third, trying to get Hazabent free down J.U.S.T.'s left wing. Ged Bannon, as usual, covered a lot of ground but he had far less possession than Ilioski.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Certainly Ilioski. Tutill faded in the second half.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: Rogers, who too often was bypassed whenever a J.U.S.T. attack broke down and Juventus went forward.

- CRAIG MACKENZIE

Brown goes Brazilian

AJAX 2 (Paul Lewis 53rd. & 55th). MAKEDONIA 2 (Brown 60th, Ward 62nd), second round match at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, double header. Crowd about 4000. Referee: Jim Brennan 8.

AJAX: Denys 6 - Peter Lewis 7, Connell 8, Short 5, Hogben 8 - Boyle 6, Vassallo 5, Smallman 7, Williams 7 - Toal 6, Paul Lewis 7.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8 - Opatinas 7, Todorovski 6, Jones 6, Petrovski 6 - Whittle 6, Flavel 6 (Farrell 6, half time), McMillan 5 - Lucchesi 5, Ward 6, Brown 7.

Cautions: Vassallo, Paul Lewis, Smallman twice, including after match.

REASON FOR THE DRAW: When Ajax led 2-0 there appeared no way that Makedonia could come back but a combination of a goalkeeper's mistake and the brilliant kicking of Doug Brown combined to change the outcome of the match. Paul Lewis scored twice for Ajax and David Smallman had a penalty kick saved by goalkeeper Richard Wilson before Makedonia replied. Goalkeeper Lou Denys had the far post covered and had positioned his wall to his right, but Brown curled his free

kick inside the near post. That, as far as Makedonia was concerned, was the turning point.

THE TACTICS: Ironically, it was a divergence away from Ajax's new style that resulted in its 2-0 lead. New coach Len McKendry has been encouraging the forwards to come off, accept the ball at their feet, lay it off and go again for the next pass. Paul Lewis however, got most of his 1982 goals on through balls, and it was two through balls that gave Ajax its goals. Otherwise, Ajax played 4-4-2, with Jim Williams linking up with the forwards on the left, and Steve Short, recruited from Croatia for \$7500, playing his first game for Ajax as sweeper.

Makedonia had Con Opatinas marking Paul Lewis whenever he went and David Jones picking up Bobby Toal, leaving Ljube Petrovski as the only flank defender. George McMillan, who had been playing as a striker, switched placed with Claude Lucchesi who had been playing in midfield. Makedonia was deficient in midfield but should have Zarko Odzakovic from Vardar Skopje improving that department for the next match, against Juventus.

THE GOALS: 53rd minute: Smallman plays an accurate through pass over the head of Paul Lewis who uses his speed to get into the clear and belts an angled shot past Richard Wilson 1-0.

55th minute: Toal races away on a long through ball, with the Makedonia defend-

ers nowhere in sight. His shot deflects off Wilson and Paul Lewis is there to put it away 2-0.

60th minute: Doug Brown takes a free kick on the left and bends it inside the near post Brazilian-style 2-1.

62nd minute: Another free kick, this time on the right. Brown curls it to the near post, where Gary Ward heads it in unchallenged.

NEAR MISSES: 48th minute: Paul Lewis breaks away on a through ball, getting ahead of his marker, Con Opatinas who has no option but to bring him down with a Rugby tackle. Smallman takes the penalty but Wilson saves it.

14th minute: Wilson makes a point-blank save from Paul Lewis.

46th minute: Lou Denys flies to save a close-in shot by Alan Whittle.

GOOD PERFORMANCES: Stuart Cannell tackled solidly and ruled in the air against the largely ineffective Makedonia attack, while David Hogben showed a lot of dash in pushing forward from left back. Richard Wilson was the pick of the largely unimpressive Makedonia team, mainly due to his penalty save. Doug Brown saved his team by scoring with that free kick.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Stuart Cannell.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: Steve Short, star recruit from Croatia. Much more had been expected, but he was sadly in need of match practice.

- LAURIE SCHWAB



Graham Tutill (right) scored in his first full game for J.U.S.T. This time, however, he's left off-balance by Vince Bannon of Juventus.

STANDINGS

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg	1	1	0	3	1	3
Holles	2	0	3	3	2	
Mervolf F.	1	0	1	2	2	
Croatia	0	1	1	2	3	1

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Ajax	0	2	0	2	2	
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NSL PROBES MURPHY SCANDAL



Ken Murphy

South Melbourne Hellas newcomer Ken Murphy is at the centre of a controversial dispute involving Hellas and NSL rival Preston Makedonia.

Hellas signed Murphy late last year from Melbourne Croatia but Makedonia claims that Murphy is their player.

Murphy signed a contract with us and we reached an agreement with his club,

Croatia," said Makedonia president John Branov.

"As far as I'm concerned the deal was made. Even the method of payment was agreed upon," said Branov.

"We believe that we have priority of registration over Hellas with the national league. I'm led to believe that Hellas didn't lodge Murphy's registration papers with the NSL until last week.

"If Murphy doesn't want to come to Preston I'll let him declare it. Then it will become a legal matter of whether or not we should go

ahead and sue him for breach of contract. My committee is determined that we follow this matter right through."

So, the mystery of Murphy's non-appearance in the Hellas side which confronted Croatia last week in the Victorian Ampol Cup has been solved. The official reason for Murphy's absence was given as injury.

NSL secretary Steve Kamaz is investigating the matter. It is believed that Makedonia has lodged an official complaint. If the national body rules that Murphy is a

Makedonia player the VSF will end up with egg on its face.

Makedonia claims that it lodged registration papers for Murphy with the VSF yet Murphy already has played for Hellas in the first round of the Ampol Cup. If he becomes a Makedonia player, will Hellas lose the point it gained from that match, a 1-1 draw with Heidelberg?

If Murphy remains with Hellas it looks odds on that he'll face legal action for breach of contract.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

SELEMIDIS SWINGS IT

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Selemidis 28th, Paton 40th) MORWELL FALCONS 0. Second round Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park, Friday night double-header. Crowd about 10,000. Referee: Stewart Mollings 8.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 6 - Darby 5, Irvine 7, Higham 6, J. Train 5 - Bingham 4 (van Baar, 4, 47th), McLean 7, Young 6, O'Callaghan 5 (McClunnie 4, 47th) - McGuinness 5, Mitten 7. Coach: Tony Boggi.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 - McMillan 7, Zsidoorn 7, Yankos 8, Tansy 6 - Selemidis 7, Spanos 5, Campbell 6, Valentini 6 - Paton 8, Cole 7. Coach: Ken Morton.

REASON FOR THE VICTORY: Heidelberg's team work was far superior to Morwell's and its players were much fitter and generally much faster than Morwell's. Although Noel Mitten battled away relentlessly in Morwell's attack, he had virtually no support, and had the unenviable task of having to confront Charlie Yankos who was in great form. Heidelberg got a lot better service this time from its strikers Gary Cole and Paton, and it also dominated on the flank.

THE TACTICS: Both teams lined up in 4-2-2 formation, so it depended on which team would play it better. John Higham and Brian Darby picked up Cole and Paton respectively but neither did very well. At the other end, Yankos marked Mitten, but Heidelberg left McGuinness to be picked up by the man closest to him. Quite frankly, despite this relative freedom, McGuinness did very little. Just after half time, coach Tony Boggi took off Harry Bingham and John O'Callaghan, the two ineffective midfielders, and replaced them with Tony van Baar and Richie McClunnie, with van Baar going to the right flank, McGuinness moving to midfield and McClunnie joining Mitten up front. It made no difference.

THE TURNING POINT: Theo Selemidis's dashing goal in the 28th minute. Before that, Morwell had been in the game, and Jim McLean, playing his first game since joining from Brisbane Lions, had shot wide with a great shot. After Selemidis's goal, Heidelberg was well in command.

THE GOALS: 28th min.: Selemidis starts a move in midfield, slipping the ball to Cole, wide on the right and continuing a run through the middle. Cole managed an inspired chip over the goalkeeper to the far post where Se-

lemidis, flying horizontally, headed it in 1-0. 40th min.: Paton sends Mike Valentine away down the left flank, and follows up through the middle. Valentine's cross is deflected off the defence, falling for Paton who rams it home on the volley. 2-0.

NEAR-MISSES: 4th min.: Paton, from 11 metres.

8th min.: McLean from edge of area.

38th: Cole heads a quick cross from Tansey across goal.

50th: Great header by Paton, under pressure, but over the top.

65th: Paton gets onto the end of a long free kick from Zsidoorn but goalkeeper Whiteside saves from 10 metres.

67th: Great run by Cole, past Higham, for a crack at goal, but Irvine heads it away desperately for a corner.

GOOD PERFORMANCES: Jamie Paton buzzed about busily in Heidelberg's attack and despite his lack of height, was ever-dangerous in the air, apart from scoring that well-taken volleyed goal as well.

Charlie Yankos won almost every tackle on the ground and pushed forward a few times as well. Noel Mitten again shielded the ball well for Falcons, and was ever ready to take responsibility up front, despite lack of support. Jim McLean showed potential as a hard-working midfielder but still is overweight.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Charlie Yankos.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: Harry Bingham, but Bobby McGuinness, Jim Train, Brian Darby and John O'Callaghan all came close.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Ajax to get its J.U.S.T. deserts?



Ossie Latif (No. 11) scored Croatia's first goal, but here he's foiled by Bobby Russell.

This time last year Bobby McLachlan and Gus Macleod were spurring Green Gully Ajax on during the Ampol Cup but on Friday night they will be plotting Ajax's downfall.

The two Macs played a major part in Ajax's success over the past two years however, now they are at Footscray J.U.S.T. and Friday night's opponent, Ajax, is J.U.S.T.'s last hurdle on its way into the 1983 Ampol Cup semi-finals.

McLachlan's knowledge of the Ajax players and Macleod's bustling, aggressive, attacking play will be crucial to the outcome. The stakes are high for both sides. A draw will put J.U.S.T. into the semis and almost certainly ensure Ajax's exit because Preston Makedonia, on the same points as Ajax, surely will account for Juventus.

"We know how Bobby (McLachlan) will play. They (J.U.S.T.) will pack their defence but we'll be too good for them. They don't worry me," said Ajax's Langer.

The first of Friday night's double header features Makedonia and Juventus.

Makedonia's Con Opatinas usually is assigned man marking tasks but Makedonia's superiority, on paper at least, may prompt coach Peter Ollerton to release Opatinas to get forward where his fine close ball skills and pace can be put to good use.

Heidelberg's Juan Toro Castillo is an anachronism. He belongs to an era when gifted spontaneity and flair was hailed, when unbridled dribbling skills held spectators spellbound, if such an era ever existed in Australian soccer.

Heidelberg only needs to draw with Croatia on Saturday night to win its way into the semis. Heidelberg, under coach Ken Morton, is assembling a squad with far more depth than Morton's predecessor Len McKendry was given. This added competition for first team berths should ensure that Heidelberg goes into Saturday's clash with the right attitude and it should come out on top.

The first of Saturday night's double header is a do-or-die affair for both South Melbourne Hellas and Morwell Falcons. One of these sides should accompany Heidelberg into the semis.

Hellas and Falcons are locked together on two points but goal difference favors Hellas so Falcons have to win to stay in the cup.

Croatia misses open goals

CROATIA 2 (Latif 50th, Faulkner 69th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Egan 35th, Buljevic 55th). Second round Ampol Cup double-header at Olympic Park, Friday night, crowd about 10,000. Referee: Evan Venios 6.

CROATIA: McRae 7 - Curcio 8 - Paton 8 - Adams 8 - Bilevic 6 - Faulkner 7 - Anzolovic 6 - Biskic 7 - (Gajovic 60th) Cumming 9 - Brogan 7 - Latif 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Leumeta 6 - Russell 8, Blair 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Nicolaidis 6 - Davidson 7, Holford 7 - Egan 7, Evans 5, (Stevenson 49th), Wooddin 5,

Campbell 6 (Buljevic 49th). Coach: Rale Rasic.

REASON FOR THE DRAW: At the end, Croatia had to rely on a last-minute 25-metre goal by Jeff Faulkner but it should have been an easy Croatia win on first-half form, when both David Brogan and Sean Parton missed open goals. Croatia therefore threw it away, allowing Hellas to twice take the lead and having to come from behind both times to snatch the draw.

THE TACTICS: Although coach Rale Rasic had been quoted in the Press saying that he had gained a clearance for Oscar Crino and that Crino would play, Crino wasn't even among the reserves. With Murphy out, Alan Davidson moved forward into midfield, and Socrates Nicolaides came

in to take Davidson's usual left-back position. George Campbell played wide on the left, with Charlie Egan, Steve Wooddin and Alan Evans as the three strikers, changing positions. Of these, only Egan was effective. Croatia's approach to the game was like a breath of fresh air. We had expected a defensive attitude against Hellas, the team of the big reputation. But Croatia played open, attacking soccer, getting forward just as often as Hellas.

THE TURNING POINT: Who will forget that tremendous attacking raid by Tommy Cumming in the 5th minute? He picked up the ball in defence, and stormed down the right past four men before running into Bobby Russell. That flash of excitement was a sign of things to come for Croatia.

THE GOALS: 35th: Campbell squeezes past Curcio and Keith Adams to launch a cross from the left. Egan, at full stretch in the middle, gets his foot to it to nudge the ball past Robert McKrae the goalkeeper. 1-0.

50th: A shot by David Brogan is stopped on the goal line by Steve Blair and the ball ricochets out to Ossie Latif who slams the equalising goal. 55th: Substitutes John Stevenson and Branko Buljevic combine to put Hellas back in front. A Buljevic free kick is blocked by McKrae for a corner. Stevenson takes the corner kick and Buljevic, darting at the ball at the near post, heads it into the net. 2-1.

70th: Midfielder Jeff Faulkner lobs a 25-metre shot just inside the post. 2-2.

NEAR MISSES: 10th: Nicolaides, running across goal, loses the ball to Brogan who has an open goal in front of him but from 6 metres, he belts it over the top.

17th: Egan, also from six metres, is foiled by McKrae.

23rd: A corner kick comes to the far post where it falls to unmarked Sean Parton, about 4 metres out, but he misses.

GOOD PERFORMANCES: The two right backs, Tony Curcio of Croatia and Bobby Russell of Hellas, were the best of the match. I liked Josip Biskic, the Croatia midfielder in the first half, while Keith Adams was a tower of strength in Croatia's defence.



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Eagles boss wants NSW super league



By ALEX VESIC

"Nothing is as sweet as the taste of success." The words, so familiar and so true, yet with a tinge of bitterness, came from Melita Eagles president and life member Emmanuel Said.

Melita Eagles first grade side failed to achieve its aim of getting among the top placegetters in the NSW State League in 1982 and this was the reason for the bitterness.

Still, success is not measured by the position attained by the clubs top grade side. Boasting its own stadium and one of the largest soccer followings in the western suburbs, Melita still has the two ingredients so important for success at top level competition.

Its administration shows the kind of professional attitudes required to guide the club to better things.

"We had our problems in the past," said Mr Said, shrewd businessman and soccer lover, the man who has stood at the helm of the club for many years.

"Having such solid support we could not afford to change our home ground from year to year and the decision to build our own stadium was the best thing that ever happened to us."

"Building the stadium and going through the process of attaining various permits and land titles and satisfying other requirements of the local authorities was long and painful but with the help from the large Sydney Maltese community we have completed the first phase of our programme — having our own soccer stadium."

"Believe me, it couldn't have been done without some enthusiastic supporters and in many instances physical effort by many to get this part of the project completed and for that I am eternally grateful."

"At the moment we are almost half way through the second phase of the programme, building our own club house. Plans are drawn and the council will have to dwell on it for a while, but we are confident that the plans will be approved very soon."

"It should be one of the best edifices in the area, and at \$400,000 total cost, I am sure we are getting a bargain."

It's almost like a dream come true, said I.

"Well, not really," said Mr Said with a smile. "All our efforts are centred at the moment on competing with the best in Australia but unfortunately the top competition in Australia appears to be a closed shop — simply because of the unrealistic belief by so many National League clubs that the NSL can exist in its present format."

"We would prefer to see the formation of our own 'Super State League' in NSW with Olympic, Marconi, APIA, Canberra, Newcastle, Melita, Croatia and a few others included. It is obvious that travel costs would go down to a minimum and those who finish at the top of this league would eventually be involved in a playoff against the top placegetters in other States for the national title — almost like a mini World Cup at the end of the season."

"Crowds would definitely flock back to the games and all those in the State League would have an equal opportunity of competing for the national title."

"At the moment we are spending in excess of \$150,000 a year with no chance at all of being not the best, at least one of the best in Australia."

"Should this situation continue, Melita will most probably have to revert to amateur status, a decision we would not be happy taking," said Melita's enthusiastic president.

Supporters club gives \$6000

Despite solid support which always has been enjoyed by the club, it was not until this year that a few enthusiastic people decided to form Melita Eagles Supporters Club.

In April the group held its first ball at Blacktown Civic Centre and in July held its mid-season ball at the Red Rose Lounge Rockdale. In between functions, they have managed to sell a few Melita caps and scarfs as well as lighters, thus helping with general fund-raising.

Despite their effort, the bank balance, although increased, fell far short of the anticipated sum, an obvious reflection on the results achieved by the first grade side.

However, the supporters

club increased its effort and not only organised buses to away matches, but also decided to hold functions at which sales of various Melita memorabilia and numerous raffles were held.

The last of the main functions was the end of season ball. Trophies to the best and fairest player for 1982 as well as trophies to the successful third grade side were presented. It was also announced that the Supporters Club would be able to donate some \$6,000 to the soccer club as part of its contribution to the success of Melita Eagles.

More like Tolra, Topalidis, Riley in the making

As in most cases around Australia, success in soccer at top level depends on the number of classy imports or in some cases the purchase of solid "home grown" product.

Unfortunately it becomes costly if one attempts to buy, year after year, with club patrons digging into their pockets to get the best and achieve success. Somehow, having the best players does not necessarily guarantee success and all those who would invest in purchasing players from other clubs must turn the tap off and insist on local product.

Last year was one of mediocre success at Melita — finishing fifth in the State League despite the fact that the side boasted such classy players as Ernie Campbell, Ray Farrugia, Don Allan, Hector Martinez, Mike Cross, Bob McGinn, Alex Jamieson, Richie Williams and many others.

During April of last year it was decided that a special committee was needed to run the junior teams in a professional way. Social Calceas as president, Vic Bonici as treasurer and John Walker as secretary formed the nucleus of the committee to deal with junior organisation at the club. At subsequent

meetings it was decided to plan and formalise specific projects for the 1983 season.

The provision for a director of coaching to plan and organise the youth coaching staff, the selection of coaches and managers for the following season, the implementation of selection trials, with trial games commencing in February 1983 and being completed by March 1983 — all of the above are almost their completion, allowing Melita to field a number of junior sides in the district competition and giving the club the chance to pick its own stars from its own nursery!

Melita's under 16's in last year's competition appeared to be the glamor team among Melita's juniors. With 16 wins and five draws, the side finished up in fourth place and played in the semifinals. Bruce Felsch, Darren Tolra, Chris Riley and Jimmy Topalidis were selected among the 18 players in the NSW State side and for a State League club that is an effort indeed!

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Muniz star recruit?

Dennis Duarte of St. George, McAusland of APIA and most port Agenor Muniz of Sydney Hakoah to join Melita this year. The first two are the "bag", and Muniz was official at the training last week. Melita officials not sure about him — afraid of the bid that Hakoah might ask for him.



Dennis Duarte, in St. George colors, leaves Footscray's Kondarios behind.



Melita's 1982 Board of Directors, from left, standing: F. Said, A. Vella, J. Desira, Joe Caruana, Vic Mula, A. Robertson. Front: S. Vella, D. Agius, L. Dimech, E. Said, P. DeBono, V. Buttigieg, J. Borg



Malta Eagles, Cup winners of 1956. Lino Vella, the editor of the Maltese Herald is in the middle of the top row (goalkeeper), while Melita's hard working secretary, Laurie Dimech is at the far right with the club's blazer.

Melita's 1982 State League Appearances and Scores:
Robert McPherson played 5, scored 0; Alex McPherson 25, 0; Greg McCoy 25, 1; Paul Daley 24, 0; Ray Farrugia 25, 7; Alex Jamieson 22, 0; Mike Cross 25, 5;

'82 roll call

Robert McGinn 18, 0; Ernie Campbell 15, 2; Greg Ankudnoff 15, 0; Richie Williams 19, 3; John McKie 7, 7;

Don Allan 20, 10; Jack Cabon 2, 0; Jim Bottalico 6, 0; Len Vail 9, 2; David Rogers 2, 0; Hector Martinez 8, 0; Wayne Parker 2, 0; Steve Luford 1, 0; Mike Brown 1, 0; Anito Budini 7, 4; Wayne Farnsworth 4, 0.

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While most clubs in the State as well as National League have to rely on gate takings and donations from various supporter groups or donations from clubs with large intakes (poker machines etc.), Melita Soccer Club has secured sponsorship from Associated Midlands for \$25,000.

It is a major coup for a State League club and one which will ensure smooth running during 1983. If one considers players payouts for 1982, which were just over \$38,000, then it is easy to see how much this "quarter of a ton" will do for Melita.

Add some \$6,000 secured from Starline Motors for 1983 and Melita should come a long way to achieving financial security.

Following Associated Midlands and Starline Motors, Melita also has managed to secure some advertising from Chess Travel, Kinlie, Supreme Kitchens, Western Road Bus Service, Schweppe, Castrol GTX and Dunlop Sports displaying their signs at the Ground.

A number of companies, including the above-mentioned, have had their name and products included in the "High Flying Eag-

les", certainly the best publication of its in the State League.

For a club which stood on its own feet just over 12 months, it is a creditable performance indeed.

For many years under the umbrella of Phoenician club, Melita's progress was so what curtailed, but since the separation of two and formation of a company, it is indeed great effort to have so many people believe your "product" to tie their name and do their money to the club.



Farrugia the favorite, and McGinn marked Pele in game against Santos

Meet the high-flying Eagles

Coach Raul Blanco — formerly with St. George and Marconi.

Milestones in club's history

ROBERT MCGINN:

With McGinn in the side Melita can count on some strong defensive effort. His ability to defend was noticed at an early age and he was selected in 1968 to represent Scotland at youth level against Northern Ireland youth team. Eventually he came to Wilhelmina in Melbourne in 1971, then played for Victoria against Santos of Brazil, having to keep an eye on the famous Edson Arantes Do Nascimento and he did his job so well that Pele failed to find the net in that particular match. He joined APLA Leichhardt in 1974 and moved to Melita for the 1982 season.

RAY FARRUGIA:

Melita's best, its Number One, the darling of Maltese soccer lovers... one can hardly stop when it comes to praise for Farrugia. With seven goals to his name he was once again back among the top goalgetters, but his fine skills and superb vision allow for creation of delicate chips, great shots, quick and enterprising moves. You name it and he has it. Once again he will be the driving force behind Melita's drive to the top.

DON ALLAN:

This fine striker surprised all and sundry when he moved from Olympic to Melita Eagles. But he enjoyed the move and so did Melita supporters. He was and still is the best striker at Everley Park and should once again be the target man in 1983.

MIKE CROSS:

At 20 and with the experience of an "old timer" behind him, Mike Cross, Melita's captain, is in for another very good season with the Eagles. Born in Manchester, Mike was an apprentice with Bolton Wanderers and moved on to Stockport County before landing a contract with Sydney Olympic.

During Olympic's stay in the State League Mike Cross had an opportunity to meet Melita Eagles' team in a two-horse race for the State League championship. As Olympic entered the PSL again, Mike was only temporarily away from his eventual nesting place at Everley Park. Much is expected from Micky Cross this year and much will depend on his ability to carry out his midfield duties to perfection.

RICHIE WILLIAMS:

Played 19 games and scored only three goals last season. In his first season Williams took longer than expected to adjust to the new surroundings after six years with Marconi. He is expected to return to his best and prop up Melita's goalscoring effort in 1983.

JOHN MCKIE:

Came to Melita Eagles from Mansfield Town via APLA Leichhardt. If his scoring record of last year is any indication (7 goals in 7 games), one can expect fireworks from this young Scotman. Colin McAusland, the man who returns to Melita this year also from APLA Leichhardt, was instrumental in McKie's move to Melita.

ALEX JAMIESON:

From Clyde, Scotland via Ipswich Town to Sydney Olympic then Melita Eagles in Sydney. Halfway around the world to find his nesting place with the Eagles. In need of a midfielder, the Eagles approached Sydney Olympic just before the start of 1982 and soon the deal with worked out with Olympic selling Jamieson, Ankudinoff and Cross to Melita Eagles. Jamieson has settled well at his new club and appears to have struck a good understanding with Mike Cross.

ERNIE CAMPBELL:

What is it about this "youngster" of 32 that never changes? His style! He has played with the best in the world during his long career, including the World Cup in 1974 in West Germany. Sydney born, Ernie is a product of Canterbury Juniors. APLA, Marconi, Sydney City and St. George followed before Ernie came to Melita. One of the most feared forwards in Australia for more than a decade he is intent on staying among the best.

PAUL DALEY:

From third grade at Auburn to first grade at Melita! A drastic transformation, but such was the impact this young player made at Melita that he became a must for the top team week after week. He was a representative player from the age of 13 when he was selected for Nepean District. In 1976 he was in the NSW Primary Schools side, then was selected for the U/14 NSW amateur team and a year later in the U/15 State side. He was also selected for the U/16 State side but had to withdraw because of injury.

HECTOR MARTINEZ:

Came to Australia from Argentina in 1975 with Rodolfo Gravi at the invitation of Raul Rasic. Before he migrated, Hector played with River Plate, Atlanta and Ferro Carrilista and was selected for the Argentinian under 18 national side. In a country where one has soccer for breakfast, lunch and dinner, being selected for an outpost village would be a treat, but to get into the national youth side... After three seasons with Pan Hellenic, he moved to Manly, then Auburn and eventually Melita. At 29 Hector is at his peak. His skills are unmatched in the State League, his vision and love for the game

exceeds his skills, but unfortunately there is a flaw in his repertoire — his temper. He knows it and has been the victim of his own temper in the past. Will his magic provide the turning point in this year's State League premiership?

GREG MCCOY:

Fearsome looking, almost Ned Kelly like, Greg McCoy is the type of defender one wouldn't like to play against. His speed, enthusiasm and love for going forward make him a valuable member of this Melita outfit. Just in case you might have felt he was all but a defender, I suggest a little trip to Melita's next game — he is sure to prove you wrong. Australian born, Greg teaches history and English at Marayong High School. He played soccer with Nepean, Riverstone and Auburn before joining Melita Eagles.

ALEX MCPHERSON:

Born in Liverpool in 1958, Alex tasted big-time football at an early age. He was with Everton Juniors, then at 16 (11) was signed by Wrexham where he spent most of his time in the reserve side. Back at Goodison Park, Alex was a regular in the Everton side which played in the Midlands League, then came the decision to go to the sunny shores of Australia. He joined Slavia of Melbourne in 1979 and the following year came to Sydney and Canterbury Marickville. After only one season with the Berries he came to Melita, and that was not just by chance. This tall keeper had a great season with the Berries, with his best performance in the 1980 comp against Melita Eagles (1), keeping the Eagles at bay with an incredible performance. He had a fair year during 1982 but is still a long way from the goalkeeper's "maturity" — some call it "the thirties."

Important dates in Melita Eagles' history

1953 Formation of Melita Soccer Club.

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Oct 1956 Melita Soccer Club and Melita Eagles amalgamate to form Melita Eagles Utd. Soccer Club and join NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, as foundation members.

1957 Reserves win the championship and grand final.

1964 Won promotion to the State League.

1970 Relegated to Second division.

1976 Administration of Melita Eagles taken over by the Phoenixian club.

1977 Winners of the Umbro Cup.

1978 Secured first sponsorship with ASL.

1978 Ampol Cup finalists.

1979 Ampol Cup finalists.

1980 Associated Midlands takes over as major sponsors.

1980 N.S.W. State League champions and grand finalists.

23 Jan 1981 Melita Eagles Soccer Club Ltd incorporated as a company, limited by guarantee.

12 April 1981 First League game played at Melita Stadium against Manly Warringah.

27 May 1981 Melita Eagles Soccer Club purchase from the Phoenixian Club all soccer teams and their assets.

5 July 1981 Official opening of Melita Stadium by the Premier of NSW, Hon. Neville Wran.

20 Dec 1981 First general meeting of the new company held at Granville.

1982 U/19's (Third grade) champions and grand final winners.

1982 Second grade grand finalists.

1982 Emmanuel Said, the club's president becomes the first life member of Melita Eagles Soccer Club.

Premier Wran cut the ribbon

Melita Stadium, pride and joy of the large Maltese community in Sydney is yet to receive its finishing touches, but for all those who worked so hard and so long to get this soccer stadium into being it was a long struggle.

The council of the City of Parramatta agreed on September 4 1978 to lease to Melita Eagles the site known as Everley Park at South Granville. That was only the beginning of the story of finding a new home for one of the most successful sides in the State League in the past 10 years.

Webb St, Fraser Park, Mona Park, Garside Park — venues

which have been part of this soccer side for years — could never have been called home. It was just a matter of paying to use someone else's facilities, a fact with which no member of Melita was overjoyed.

Guildford Colts abandoned project at Everley Park in 1977 and the men from Melita accepted with glee the chance to build their own home on this site.

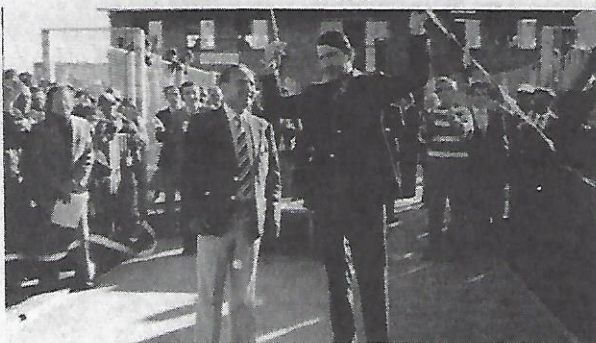
Mr. Paul Landa, the then Minister for Planning and Environment, and Mr. Harry Jensen, the Minister for Local Government, as well as the local Council assisted with the project, giving their considerations promptly.

After some initial problems over the name of the trustee

for the new stadium, Melita Eagles and the Phoenixian Club (the early trustee), parted company and the soccer club remained the sole lessee of Everley Park.

Sunday July 6 1981 was "M" day in the lives of soccer lovers in the Maltese community. Melita Eagles stadium was officially opened by the Premier of N.S.W., the Hon. Neville Wran. Ten months later a new 20-year lease of the park was signed between the council and the club.

As I walked into the stadium for the first round of the Ampol Cup I could not help the feeling of being at home. In a land of Aussie Rules and Rugby League it is exciting to have your own SOCCER STA-



DIUM. Most are better known as ovals, cricket grounds or even parks to facilitate all sports, but few can cater exclusively for soccer.

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can cater for some 80 vehicles. "East" and "West" stands of the ground are almost fully completed, with seating available for some 4,000 spectators, while elevated ground at other sides of the ground provide for optimum view of the action.

Premier Wran cuts the ribbon, in the presence of club president Emmanuel Said, at the opening of Melita's Stadium.

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(Sahinidis 38th) at Weratah

Reserve, Sunday

DOVETON: Keogh 8 — Thurlow 7, Corke 7, Bruce 6 (Law 66th), Waite 4 — Hulusi 6, Waterhouse 5 (inj. Bartlett 41st), Douglas 5 — Hastings 5, P. Lennon 5, M. Lennon 5.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Pappas 6, Bozakis 8, Katsakidis 7, Mihos 7 — Moore 7, Quigley 9, Wright 7 — Sahinidis 7, Culina 6, Constantinou 4.

Northcote will approach South Melbourne Hellas about buying former Soccer winger Branko Buljevic and expects two Northern Irish fullbacks to arrive within three weeks.

A dearth of experienced players, a drought-stricken pitch, and deteriorating conditions and a delightful display of mid-field generalship from Colin Quigley were the ingredients

Branko Buljevic

of a dreadful Doveton display served to a handful of diehards at Weratah Reserve last Sunday.

A Green Gully Ajax committeeman reportedly offered Alan Bennett and Bill Morrey to Doveton in exchange for classy midfielder John Dowie. The Doves firmly refused to deal.

Dowie's future at Weratah Reserve remains clouded.

Along with Ian Stirton he has been chased by opposition clubs. The Doves so far are standing firm. Rightly so, if they want to do well this year.

Sunday's young side was pinned inside its defensive half for most of the second half.

Northcote's Quigley, always unmarked, did as he pleased. He thoroughly enjoyed himself in the second half and his disposal was the only treat this mismatch offered.

Doveton newcomer Colin Bartlett, a young winger from South Dandenong, is raw and unfit. He also is aggressive and confident. I'm told that he has excellent skills but, in only 29 minutes on this cracked, dry pitch, he didn't have much chance to display them. Predicting big things for newcomers usually is the domain of the foolhardy, yet Bartlett is promising. He could make his name in State League.

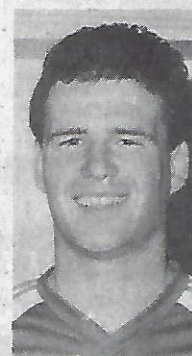
Northcote's midfield of Quigley, ex-Slavia, Sammy Wright, ex-Wolves and South

Melbourne Hellas and Stevie Moore, ex-Slavia and Western Suburbs, dominated the match, especially the second half.

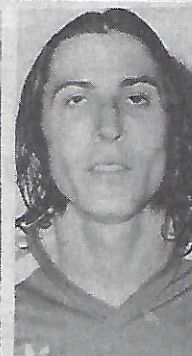
Quigley spent the early minutes getting involved in physical challenges and wasting his talents. He's strong, but if he concentrates on mixing it too much we'll never see him at his best. He was booked after an off-the-ball incident involving Doveton's Carlos Waite.

The first half was scrappy, the ball bobbing back and forth in the air for the most part. Three minutes into the second half Northcote bagged the winner.

A superb long, lofted through ball from sweeper George Bozakis sent Jim Sahinidis scooting clear and he calmly lobbed the ball over advancing Sean Keogh and into the vacant goal.



Alex Marshall



Peter Czapnik

Marshall stays put, bingo comes first at Wembley Park

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

This week's Buffalo Cup games with likely winners in capitals:

WEDNESDAY
(Tonight, K.O. 7pm)
FAWKNER v Albion at Jukes Road
Ringwood Wilhelmina v POLONIA at Jubilee Park
NORTHCOTE v South Melbourne Hellas at John Cain Reserve

THURSDAY
(K.O. 7pm)
Box Hill v Doveton (draw) at Wembley Park

SUNDAY
(K.O. 3pm)
Ringwood Wilhelmina v CROYDON at Jubilee Park
Albion Rovers v Polonia (draw) at Selwyn Park
Northcote v SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS at John Cain Reserve
Doveton v South Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Weratah Reserve

derby at Jubilee Park between Ringwood Wilhelmina and Croydon.

Visitor Croydon is stronger at this early stage of the year but no doubt Dutch-sponsored Wilhelmina will sign three or four new players before kicking off its league campaign.

Croydon should win and confirm its status as Buffalo Cup favorite.

Sunshine-George Cross striker Norrie Pate has fond memories of John Cain Reserve. Pate scored a hat-trick there in 1981 as Sunshine steamrolled Northcote 6-1.

The Chaplin Reserve combine is unlikely to emulate that feat, however, in Carl Gilder and Pate, it has two of the best strikers on show here and should win.

Sunday's Albion-Polonia clash at Selwyn Park looks a likely draw as does the Weratah Reserve match on the same day between Doveton and South Melbourne Hellas.

The proviso to the prediction for the latter game is that Doveton coach Ernie Merrick sticks to his plan to give his young players a run in the Buffalo Cup.



Two new caps — one on the head of Wilhelmina defender David Brooks (right) as he challenges new Albion captain Peter Dickinson.

Hugh Murney works half-time miracle

By LES SHORROCK

ALBION ROVERS 3 (Ferrie, 44th, Dickson 57th, D'Sylva 65th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA (Hyland 19th, Thom 24th) at Selwyn Park, Sunday.

ALBION ROVERS: Lecoock 6, Ogden 5, Stae 5, McMillan 7, Macleod 6, Galles 5, Murphy 5, Ferrie 6, D'Sylva 5, Dickson 6, McMorris 5.

WILHELMINA: Jansson 5, Caddle 5, Crozier 5, Reid 5 (sub Lee 55), Brooks 8, Tront 6, Thom 6, Bakker 6, Hyland 5, Burton 9, Stevens 5.

Referee: T. Creamer.

An almost unrecognisable Albion Rovers came from behind to down an equally strange-looking Ringwood Wilhelmina in their Buffalo Cup game on Sunday.

Considering the searing heat, not to mention the almost grassless, bumpy paddock the game was played on, both teams displayed a commendable amount of enterprise and dash. Noel Coward's reference to mad dogs and Englishmen comes readily to mind, but Bill Hayden's drover's dog would have thought twice about venturing out of shade, let alone chasing a ball.

As far as this writer was concerned, the players earned themselves 5 marks out of 10 just for turning out.

All five goals scored in the game were the result of comical defensive blunders, and don't deserve to be described in detail, if only to protect the guilty.

Suffice to say that Wilhelmina's Dave Hyland put his side in front at the 19th minute, and Brian Thom increased their lead in the 24th.

Wilhelmina clearly won the first half and looked quite capable of going on with the job, but Albion coach Hugh Murney wrought some half-time miracle that sent his men out reju-

venated, and they ran all over Wilhelmina in the second term.

Bernie Ferrie slipped a harmless looking shot under the goalkeeper in the 44th minute. Peter Dickson whipped in an overhead shot in the 57th, and Mick D'Sylva topped off the win with a speculative shot from at least 30 yards, in the 65th.

Full marks, though, to Albion, who have lost Kevin Lloyd, John Creaney and Gary Cutler, transfer-listed, Bob Nisbet, who has gone to Queensland, and also missed an injured Ken Smart and Kieron Coyle who has not been training owing to work commitments.

To plug some of the gaps, Hugh Murney has signed Dave Stewart, Chris Ogden and Frank McLeod from Kew Park Rangers, and on Sunday drafted in local youngsters Brian Galles and Tom McMorris, both of whom show promise.

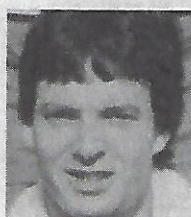
Wilhelmina too has been decimated by transfer requests from John Luyten, John Pasman and Paul O'Reilly, plus the departure of Billy de Graaf to Sydney. Joe Carroll's impending transfer to Footscray, and Dave Gibson's absence through injury.

But Dave Brooks was his usual stalwart self in the sweeper role and Barry Burton showed enough to suggest that he might be a big influence this season.

John van Hoboken says that he is hoping to sign a centre-half, possible Alan Pongho, very soon.

To sum up, it was a good effort by everyone concerned, considering the weather, but Albion's Joe Docherty had the last word (as usual), when he said it should have been declared a day of total football ban.

Barry Burton



It's easy in Greece

From page one

Tobin La Ling from Holland, Juan Rocha of Argentina, Kirastas, Livathinos, Kapsis and half of the Greek national team are at Panathinaikos — all great players individually but they don't work for each other, so they can't function as a team.

My point is, that it doesn't smatter how good you are. If you're not 100 per cent fit and can't combine with the rest, you're worthless to the team.

The standard of football in Greece is as a result not any better than ours and I'm sure many Australian players easily would make the grade over there.

At national team level, the Greek players are not as mentally and physically fit as others in Europe, with the result that Greece remains an easy opponent.

But make no mistake — the Greek players don't lack skill.

Even the full backs can do what they like with the ball, but that isn't enough without the commitment and the fitness.

At Olympiakos it was the same. I was there in the company with such top-liners as Galakos, Kousoulakis and Greek international goalkeeper Tsarganis, but the general attitude was just as lazy.

Kaz Gorski was the coach at Olympiakos during one of my visits, and the other time it was Helmut Senekowitsch, the Austrian. Senekowitsch was tougher than the other coaches, and he tried to make the players work a lot harder.

The result was that after six months and many complaints from the players, he was sacked.

That's how it is in Greece. If a coach tries to interfere with the players' way of life, and

their thinking, then they can form strong cliques that will force the coach out.

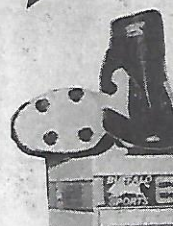
Yet the players get between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a year in Greece, whereas Australian national league players get maybe \$12,000 to \$15,000 — and we work much harder!

One thing that is exciting about Greek soccer is the tremendous media coverage it gets and the way players are involved in magazine work, TV, advertising, radio etc.

It would be great if an agency were to sign up Australia's best players and promote them accordingly. Not only would it help the players financially, but it would be great advertising for soccer.

I was asked by Stefan Kovacs to stay on at Panathinaikos but I turned him down. My ambition is to reach the World Cup finals with the Australian national team, and that means staying right here.

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BUFFALO CUP

P. Loughnane, Wade the 'sweatball' stars

By LAURIE SCHWAB

FAWKNER 2 (Tuffield 15th, Mainenti 55th) CROYDON CITY 4 (P. Loughnane 34th, Nolan 35th, Dobson 45th, Wade 67th) at Jukes Road, Fawkner, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Panas 5 — Petrov 4, Gooney 7, Fattore 5, (injured, sub. C. Sabidussi 63rd), Schipano 4 — Mainenti 7, Palmieri 6, Curcija 4 — Bozjak 4, Sannipoli 45th, Anzalone 4, Tuffield 5, Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

CROYDON: Kastner 6 — Rainey 5, McCombe 5, Dobson 7, Hobson 6 — Brown 5, Wade 9, Rooney 6 — P. Loughnane 34, Loughnane 6, Lia 4 (Nolan 60th). Coach: Bill McGarhan.

Referee: Jim Fokianos 7.

The National League learned its lesson about summer soccer during its brief flirtation with "sweatball" last year. The Victorian Soccer Federation, whose officials then were laughing at the very notion of playing in the heat, now persists with the lunacy of turning soccer players into mad dogs and Englishmen.

Fawkner and Croydon played this match in 38 degree heat. Some of the sparsely spread spectators were at the point of collapse. Imagine how the players felt!

Why, oh why can't these matches be played in the evening? Or is the VSF waiting for a few hospital cases before it reschedules the Buffalo Cup games?

Only two players — Croydon's Peter Loughnane and Paul Wade — were able to withstand the heat sufficiently to produce soccer of a high standard. The rest labored through their paces painfully.

Croydon was at full strength but may get even stronger if it succeeds in signing striker Steve Irvine from Doveton. Although George Cross has expressed interest in him, Irvine has been training with Croydon.

Fawkner had three players missing — Bruno Sabidussi (injured), Sergio Sabadini (injured) and goalkeeper Robert Terzini who has just returned from a holiday in Italy.

But it was Fawkner that took the lead when Ian Tuffield cut infield and slammed the ball past Lou Kastner in the 15th minute.

Instead of playing it safe for a while to consolidate the lead, Fawkner got careless in its quest for more goals. Peter Loughnane in particular, was given acres of room by full back Tony Schipano and showed a sign of what was to come when he dribbled into the area only to have his shot turned for a corner by Bill Panas.

But Peter Loughnane was unmarked again at the half line on the right when Jimmy Rooney spotted him a few minutes later. Rooney swung over an inspired 30-metre crossfield pass which Peter Loughnane took down the wing before scoring from an angle.

Within a minute, Peter Loughnane had struck again, this time with a short back-heeler to Terry Nolan inside the penalty area. Nolan finished it off and Croydon led 2-1.

Peter Loughnane would have scored again on a pass from Wade over the heads of Fawkner defenders, but Schipano cleared off the line.

Then Ian Dobson celebrated his elevation to the Victorian State squad by back-heading Croydon's third goal after a left-wing corner.

Fawkner coach Cedo Cirkovic replaced Andy Bozjak with John Sannipoli in the 45th minute, and Sannipoli played well for the rest of the game, running into good positions but unfortunately not getting the ball enough.

Cedo Fattore also came off, blood streaming down his leg, to be replaced by Carlo Sabidussi who went into midfield while Rajko Curcija dropped back to left back, and Tony Schipano went to the middle of the defence.

Fawkner was given new hope in the 55th minute when Dobson cleared off the line from Tuffield and Tony Mainenti belted home on the rebound. It was 3-2 and a draw seemed possible.

Wade wrapped it up three minutes from the end, scoring at close range while Carlo Sabidussi tried in vain to clear off the line. The ball was already in when Sabidussi belted it away.

TWO GOAL PATE SINKS HILLMEN

BOX HILL 0 SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 4 (Campelj 30th, Gambin 35th, Pate 40th, 64th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Morgan 5 (McKinnlay 55th), I. Roodhouse 6, Lawlor 5, Senior 6, A. Roodhouse 4 (Kraovan 55th) — Azopardi 5, Hughes 5, Gabrielson 5 (McLeod 55th), K. Valentine 6 — Priestley 7, Vercoe 7.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contin 7 — Mussel (Inj. Gambin 20th 6), Richardson 7, Ellis 5, McKinnlay 6 — Waters 6, Campelj 6, Scerri 6 — Pate 8, Glider 7, McRobert 7.

Add Duncan Cummings to the list of South Melbourne Hellas players being chased by Sunshine-George Cross. The quicksilver striker joins Gerry Bennett and John Stevenson on the Chaplin Reserve combine's wanted list.

Box Hill has approached two players in England, a centre half and a striker. The centre half, from Bradford, is on a two week trial with Coventry City. If he fails, he could be heading for Wembley Park.

Despite Sunday's dismal performance from the Hillmen, coach Bill Murray remains optimistic about his young outfit's State League prospects.

"I'm not worried about the way things are going. I'm confident that the lads will come through okay. I don't think that we'll be struggling near the foot of the table in State League," he said.

"We've only been training for three weeks. Once we get sharper and once we work on holding possession we'll do far better."

"Pedro Ramos will be back from Chile in a fortnight. Once we complete the Scott Patterson-Richard Miranda deal with Preston we'll be stronger in midfield."

Sunshine-George Cross still is keen to sign transfer listed striker Steve Irvine, from Doveton. Irvine is due to appear for Sunshine-George Cross in a practice match at Chaplin Reserve tonight (Wednesday) against Western Suburbs, starting at 6 pm.

However, Irvine has been training with Croydon so his future is uncertain. Sunshine-George Cross was far more effective as a team unit than opponent Box Hill on Sunday.

The Carl Gilder-Norrie Pate striking partnership worked well with Pate scoring twice.

Harry McKinnlay and Steve Scerri returned to the combine's side. Midfielder Hugh McCann, recently returned from Scotland, didn't play. Roger Bain and Chris Taylor still haven't returned from England.

A fiercely struck left foot shot from John Campelj was deflected by Ian Roodhouse for the opening goal in the 20th minute.

Sunshine-George Cross went further ahead in the last minute of the first half when Pjaul Gambin, a 20th minute rep.

Paul Gambin bagged the second goal in the last minute of the first half. Gambin had replaced Frank Mussel in the 20th minute after Mussel was injured in a clash of heads with team mate Scerri. Gambin made a fine run down the right then struck the ball hard. Box Hill keeper Graham Morgan misjudged the ball's flight, allowing it to go under his body, strike Ian Roodhouse and go into goal.

Five minutes into the second half a defensive mix-up between Kirk Senior and Donovan Lawlor enabled Pate to nip in and beat Morgan from close range.

With all hope of at least a draw gone, coach Murray brought on three fresh players but Sunshine-Cross continued to dominate and Pate scored his second goal about six minutes from time.



Mick McGorian

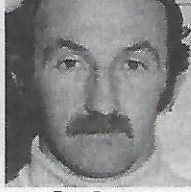
McGorian up for transfer

Frankston Pines striker Mick McGorian has been unable to come to terms with the club and is transfer listed at \$4000.

McGorian came to Australia from Liverpool in 1980 and joined Slavia. He was third highest goalscorer in State League last season.

He joined Pines last year and scored 12 goals in only 10 games.

McGorian can be contacted at home on 555 5014.



Ray Pocock

Confident Pocock

Newly-appointed player-coach Ray Pocock predicts he will take Heidelberg-Bundoora to promotion back into the Second Division from where it was relegated last year.

He has the credentials to back him up, for he took Bell Park and Western Suburbs to promotion in his only other two Metro coaching jobs.

He also had a stint as coach of Sunshine City, the club he served for so long as a player. Pocock replaces Heidelberg-Bundoora's previous player-coach Bernie Parkin who will however, stay on as a player.

Heidelberg-Bundoora has signed Stan Wright, a midfielder from England, and Russell Brown, a 6ft 4ins midfielder from Canterbury in Sydney.

And the club may have three Banagan brothers playing for it.

Mick, the oldest, has decided to remain with the club after earlier deciding to leave, and he is likely to be joined by Terry who has been out of action for a year since playing for Brighton ICL in Tasmania, and 21-year-old Geoff from Sunshine City.

Wallace to go

Experienced midfielder Johnny Wallace, 31, is available for transfer from Polonia at \$1800.

Wallace also has played for Melbourne, Hakoah (Vic), APIA, and Croatia.

He represented Victoria 11 times against famous teams including Werder Bremen, the Welsh FA, the English FA and Santos.

Clubs interested in signing him should ring Wallace on 64 1975 between 2 pm and 5 pm.



Jim Patikas (left) and Russell Stewart — stars of the 2-1 win against Israel

Scores of the World Youth Championship qualifying tournament in Costa Rica:
Israel 3 (Menahem 2, Cohen) Australia 1 (Brown).

Israel 2 (Menahem, Ohana) Costa Rica 0.

Australia 3 (Patikas, Lowe, Farina) Costa Rica 1 (Ramirez).

Australia 2 (Brown, Lowe) Israel 1 (Menahem).

Australia 3 (Lowe 2 Wright) Costa Rica 0.

Costa Rica 0 Israel 0.

Final standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia.....	3	0	1	5	6	
Israel.....	2	1	6	5	5	
Costa Rica.....	0	1	3	1	1	

Greenwood coming, TV from Mexico?

From page one
Mr Sam Pappasavas, a member of the ASF World Cup committee, said this week that a new coach almost certainly would be appointed for the three games against England.

They are on June 12 in Sydney, midweek in Brisbane and June 19 in Melbourne. ASF officials discussed the possible need for a stand-in coach last week and many of them are known to favor Eddie Thomson.

He deserves such recognition. It was under Thomson that Sydney City Hakoah won successive National League championships in 1980, '81 and '82.

He was voted Australian Coach of the Year in 1981.

Former England national team manager Ron Greenwood will be available as an adviser to the Australian coach.

Greenwood will be brought to Australia to help stimulate publicity and to run coaching seminars during the three-match series.

The success of the Australian youth team was hailed throughout the country when the final result came through from Costa Rica on Monday.

The young Socceroos now get the chance to improve on their promising performance in the 1981 finals, staged in Australia. Australia beat Argentina 2-1 in that series, drew 3-3 with Cameroon and 1-1 with England, and then lost 0-1 in the quarter-final to the eventual world champion, West Germany.

Mr Pappasavas said the team would be given every opportunity to prepare for

Roos lose to Saprissa

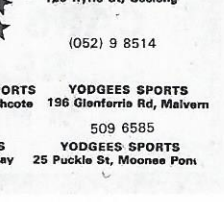
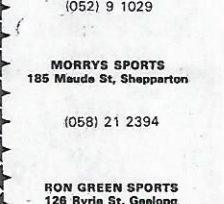
In the curtain-raiser to the Costa Kiss-Israel game, Saprissa beat Australia 2-1, but coach Les Scheinfeld fielded most of the Reserves who had not played in the earlier matches.

Team captain Tom McCulloch scored his first goal in International football when he blasted a penalty home to level the scores at 1-1 but the older and more experienced Saprissa players were too good.

Australian reserve keeper Anthony Franken won a standing ovation from the crowd and both teams with a series of almost impossible saves.

He tipped away two headers, a point-blank drive, and a blockbuster which was whistling into the corner of the net as the spectators rose with cries of "ole".

The Australian home left on the journey home yesterday (Tuesday), and is due in Sydney today (Wednesday).



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The Leaders of 1983

CRAIG MACKENZIE profiles the Victorian State League coaches and captains of 1983 in the first of a series...

Croydon coach Bill McArthur had a distinguished playing career in his native Scotland and in Australia before taking up coaching in 1976.



Bill McArthur

Some people say that you wouldn't use the fingers on one hand if you counted the number of top-flight club coaches in Australia. Newly-appointed Green Gully Ajax coach, Len McKendry, however belongs among this elite band.

McKendry's oratory exposes his analytical, studious nature, an integral feature of his academic approach to soccer.

He gained his full English F.A. senior badge in 1973 and embarked upon stints of developmental coaching which took him to America and eventually to Australia in 1976. He coached Marriekville in the NSW State League for two years before becoming Victorian

McArthur played five times for the Scottish schoolboys, then spent three years with Glasgow Rangers. He transferred to Clydebank and two years later joined Petershill.

He arrived in Australia in 1966 and played for Melbourne Croatia until 1972 when the Croatian sponsored club was expelled from the PSL. McArthur then spent two years in Sydney with APIA and joined Albion Rovers in 1975. He played for Rovers for a season then took on the club's coaching position in 1976 and 1977, the year Albion won promotion to State League.

McArthur left Albion after just nine league games in 1978 and joined Croatia as coach for

CROYDON CITY

the remainder of the season, winning the championship and State League Cup.

He returned to Albion in 1979 and took over as coach of Croydon in 1981.

The following year he rejoined Croatia but after 10 league games, with Croatia second in the league on goal difference to eventual champion Ajax, McArthur was sacked. His refusal to kowtow to a proposed selection panel led to his demise.

Within a fortnight McArthur had again taken over the reins at Croydon.

Stalwart stopper Steve McCombe again will be captain. The 32-year-old is one of the most dependable and consistent defenders in State League.

McCombe played with South Liverpool and Kirby Town in England before being brought here by Slavia in 1974 along with Jim Tansey and David Webb. He was with Slavia for two and a half seasons, then returned to England for 18 months. Slavia refused to release McCombe to play in England. When he came back to Australia he was joined by Slavia boss John Oliphant and was

transfer-listed at \$3,000. Croydon stepped in and made one of its best ever buys.

That was early in 1978 and with McCombe in defence Croydon clinched a berth in State League by winning the Metro First Division championship. Croydon also won the Metro League Cup and Cumberland Cup in 1978, probably the most successful year in the club's history.

"Obviously that year was a highlight of my stay at Croydon. I'm still waiting to play in a Croydon side which wins State League," said McCombe.

"Maybe we'll do it this year. The current squad is the strongest since I've been at Croydon."

GREEN GULLY AJAX

Director of Coaching in 1978. He coached the Victorian State team in 1979, 80, 81 and 1982 and enhanced Victoria's reputation as a soccer power. I consider the McKendry era to be the most successful in the history of the Federation.

He joined Heidelberg United in the PSL in 1980. The Greek-sponsored club finished second in the PSL that year, won the grand final of the top four competition and was the beaten finalist in the Philips Cup.

McKendry had a brief stint with Melbourne Croatia in 1981 before returning to the team struggling Heidelberg and lifting

ing the team to the top half of the PSL.

Heidelberg, plagued by financial problems which left McKendry with a threadbare squad last year, still managed to finish fourth in and was the beaten finalist in the Philips and Ampol Cup.

McKendry parted company with Heidelberg last November and was appointed coach of Ajax for the following month.

He has worked with former Socceroo supremos, Jimmy Shoulder and Rudi Gutendorf.

Peter Lewis, 1982 Bill Fleming Medal winner, is Ajax's captain.

This skilful and aggressive right back had his finest

year in 1982 since coming here from his native Scotland in the 1970's.

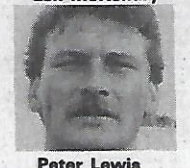
Lewis played with Sunshine and Atlanta City before signing for Ajax in 1981 and stamped himself as one of the outstanding right backs in Australian soccer with an adventurous, aggressive display for Victoria against New York Cosmos last year.

The Press, for so long critical of the rugged defender, found his footballing qualities in 1982. His leadership qualities haven't yet been similarly applauded but they will be recognised as this season unfolds.

South Melbourne Hellas desperately wanted to sign Lewis last year but he decided to stay with Ajax.



Len McKendry



Peter Lewis

The talented midfielder was signed by Melbourne Croatia for \$5,000 in 1980 and he joined Wilhelmina last year for a transfer fee of about \$3,000.

Tront first was selected in the Victorian State squad in 1977 and was a state regular until 1981. Ironically, the only game during that period in which Tront didn't either play or sit on the bench was against his home town team, Scottish club Dundee.

Tront played with Forfar Athletic in Scotland for three years and Rait Rovers for 18 months before coming here. He was a striker in those days, playing off a target man, but it is as a midfielder that he made his mark in Victorian soccer.

WILHELMINA

Green Gully Ajax in 1974, 75 and Preston Macedonia in 1976, 77, before returning to Wilhelmina where he has been at the helm ever since.

de Bruyckere coached Victoria for two games against touring English giant Manchester United in the late 1960's. He also has coached the Australian under-16's.

He regards his two major coaching achievements as building Lions into a formidable outfit and winning the Dockerty Cup with Wilhelmina.

Wilhelmina captain Joe Tront first arrived in Australia in 1976 and played the latter half of that season with Moorabbin. He played the first half of the 1977 season with the 'Barkers' in the PSL then transferred to Heidelberg Alexander for \$3000.

Tront couldn't settle at Heidelberg and in June, 1978, he was transferred to Croydon for \$5,000. He played a major part in helping Croydon clinch the Metro First Division championship and a place in State League.

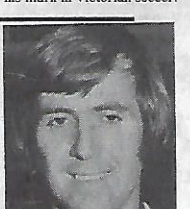
"I give something back to Hellas because the club looked after me when I played there."

South Melbourne Hellas captain Kris Kallitaditis started with the club's under-13's. His first game was a semi-final of the JLMC under-13's Cup. Hellas won 8-0. Kallitaditis scored five goals!

He quickly progressed to the senior side, winning his first full game as a 16-year-old, against Heidelberg Alexander.

Kallitaditis played 153 first team games for Hellas and also represented Victoria before transferring to Northcote in 1981. But one year later he was back at Middle Park.

Even though he is only in his mid 20's, Kallitaditis is the



Jim Armstrong

most experienced player in the side and his presence will be crucial to the progress of this young outfit. He's seen promising youngsters come and go at Hellas so he should be able to help his predominantly teenage team-mates.

On December 28, 1974 to play for Ringwood. Then a midfielder he just had finished a three year stint as an apprentice with top English club Sunderland.

Adams spent four seasons with Wilhelmina. The highlight of his stay was getting into the final of the Dockerty Cup by disposing of Croatia in a semi-final. However, Wilhelmina lost 3-2 to George Cross in the final.

Adams transferred to Croatia for \$3,000 in 1979. He regards the highlight of his stay there Croatia's amazing 8-0 drubbing of Juventus in the 1980 Dockerty Cup final.

He played his first full game for Victoria in the 1970's against Australia at the Olympic Park and has made five full appearances for the State team.

S.M. HELLAS

ring prowess of Armstrong who arrived here in 1966 after playing with Renfrew Juniors and Yoker Athletic in his native Scotland. He was top scorer for Hakoah in every one of his seasons there before transferring to Hellas for \$5,000.

Jeventus bought Armstrong for \$2,500 in 1977. Two years later he was freed to join Shepparton United but he also became Director of Junior Coaching at Jeventus. Morwell Falcons used Armstrong's considerable scoring talents to win promotion from Metro Second Division in 1980 and

midway through the 1981 season he joined then struggling Fourth Division outfit Sandringham City and played a major part in that club's successful bid to state of relegation. He stayed with the "Hammers" last year as they climbed to third place and were promoted to Division Three during the league reshuffle caused by the amalgamation of Sunshine and George Cross.

Armstrong has played for Australia in Victoria. His name is synonymous with Hellas and the recently appointed staff coach wants to

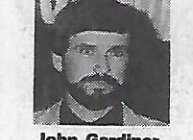
Joe Tront

Jim Armstrong, all-time top scorer in the Victorian State League, is back where he belongs, this time as coach, rather than as lethal striker.

Armstrong and Jack Reilly are staff coaches at South Melbourne Hellas, with the former taking care of Hellas' young State League side.

Armstrong regards Hellas as "the most professional club in Australia." He should know. He spent six seasons there starting in 1970 and was leading club scorer four times. In all he has 152 State League goals to his credit. He's probably broken the 200 barrier if you include cup goals.

It was Hakoah in Melbourne which first hosted the goalsco-



John Gardiner

When John Gardiner took over as Croatia coach late last year he had returned to the scene of many highlights in his long, illustrious career in Victorian soccer.

However, Gardiner's great personal glories were with George Cross. It was as an attacking midfielder that George Cross brought Gardiner to Australia in 1968 from his native Scotland where he played for East Fife. He also played with English club Peterborough United.

Gardiner won successive Victorian Rothmans Medals in 1971 and 72. As a player and player-coach he has played in teams which have won 20 major honors in Victorian soccer — four State League

championships; six Dockerty Cups; five State League Cups and five Ampol Cups.

Gardiner joined Croatia (then Essendon Lions) in 1976 for a then record Metropolitan League fee of \$8,000 ending an eight season association with George Cross.

Although George Cross earlier had rejected bids for Gardiner from South Melbourne, Hellas and Heidelberg, Hellas won his signature from Croatia in 1978. Hellas paid a \$7,500 transfer fee and gave Croatia two players — goalkeeper John Kennedy and midfielder Howard Andrews. A season later, Gardiner rejoined

CROATIA

ned Croatia for a \$6,500 transfer fee.

Gardiner's return heralded the most successful period in Croatia's history.

He joined Green Gully Ajax in 1981 and seemed odds-on to take over as coach this season but he saw the Croatia job as a far greater challenge.

Gardiner played his last game for Victoria against New York Cosmos last year. It was his 23rd appearance for the State.

Croatia captain Keith Adams never has captained a side to a league title and hopes that 1983 will see him achieve that honor.

Adams arrived in Australia

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More captains and coaches will be spotlighted next week

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Ask for: President John Papas, Secretary Peter Paras or Manager George Sanodanos.

SIX 36 Pools The Pools

FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1983	Season	1977	78	79	80	81	82
English League — Division IV							
Colchester United v Port Vale		2-3					1-0
Stockport County v Scunthorpe United		1-0	1-1	0-2	1-2	2-0	1-1
SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1983							
English League — Division I							
Aston Villa v Everton		2-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	0-2	1-2
Bristol v West Bromwich Albion		0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-1
Coventry City v Manchester City		0-1	4-2	0-3	0-0	1-0	0-1
Liverpool v Ipswich Town		2-1	2-2	2-0	1-1	1-1	4-0
Manchester United v Luton Town		1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Norwich City v Sunderland		2-2					1-0
Nottingham Forest v Southampton		3-1	2-3				1-1
Sheff Wednes v Nottingham Forest				1-1	1-2		
Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea City							2-1
Wolverhampton v Birmingham City		0-2	2-2				1-0
West Ham United v Arsenal							1-2
English League — Division II							
Burnley v Queens Park Rangers							0-3
Cambridge United v Leeds United							2-1
Cardiff City v Bolton Wanderers							3-1
Derby County v Charlton Athletic							1-0
Fulham v Barnsley							2-3
Gillingham v Wigan Athletic							0-3
Leicester City v Shrewsbury Town							2-0
Newcastle United v Rotherham United							1-1
Oldham Athletic v Middlesbrough							4-1
Sheff Wednesday v Blackburn Rovers							0-3
Wolverhampton v Carlisle United							2-2
English League — Division III							
Bournemouth v Wrexham							
Bradford City v Bristol Rovers							2-2
Brentford v Reading							1-2
Cardiff City v Oxford United							3-2
Chesham Town v Southend United							1-2
Doncaster Rovers v Grimsby							3-0
Gillingham v Sheff Wednesday							2-2
Huddersfield Town v Millwall							0-1
Lincoln City v Northampton Town							2-1
Plymouth Argyle v Wigan Athletic							0-1
Portsmouth v Exeter City							5-0
Preston North End v Watford							1-0
English League — Division IV							
Aldershot v Northampton Town							2-1
Bristol City v Peterborough United							2-0
Bury v Rochdale							3-1
Charterhouse v Hailu Town							3-0
Darlington v Blackpool							2-2
Hartlepool United v Torquay United							4-0
Leamington v Crewe Alexandra							2-2
Swindon Town v Hereford United							1-0
Widnall v Tranmere Rovers							4-1
York City v Hull City							1-3
Scottish Premier League							
Celtic v Aberdeen		4-1	2-2	1-0	1-2	1-1	0-1
Dundee v Hibernian							3-0
Kilmarnock v Dundee United		1-2					0-1
Marlin v Rangers							0-2
Motherwell v St. Mirren							1-0
Scottish League — Division I							
Alloa v Clydebank							1-0
Dumfries v Dundee							3-3
Dunfermline Athletic v Arbroath							1-0
Falkirk v Clyde							1-2
Hearns v Ayr United							0-1
North Ayr v Raith Rovers							1-0
St. Johnstone v Hamilton							0-1
Scottish League — Division II							
Albion Rovers v Meadowbank Thistle		3-0	3-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	2-0
Berwick Rangers v East Stirling		1-0	1-1	5-2	1-2		
East Fife v Stirling Albion							0-1
Forfar Athletic v Brechin City		1-2	4-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	3-0
Montrose v Arbroath		1-2	2-1	3-0			1-2
Queen of the South v Cowdenbeath							2-2
Stranraer v Stirling Albion		2-1	3-0	0-1	1-0	2-5	2-1

OVERSEAS

Roma stays in the lead

Roma goalkeeper Franco Tancredi kept his team three points clear at the top of the Italian soccer championship with a series of splendid second half saves against Ascoli.

Giuseppe Greco put home side Ascoli 1-0 after 12 minutes but Roma hit back nine minutes later through Carlo Ancelotti.

Second-placed Verona trailed 1-0 against visiting Genoa following an own goal and Massimo Briasci's unstoppable first half shot.

But Genoa also conceded an own goal and Antonio Di Gennaro clinched the equaliser with only minutes to spare.

Liam Brady of Ireland again showed Juventus was unwise to let him go by scoring Sampdoria's ninth minute winner against Pisa.

Juventus was content to settle for a goalless draw at Napoli before a capacity crowd of 70,000.

The match was watched by Malcolm Beard, an official with European champion Aston Villa which faces Juventus in next month's quarter-finals.

ITALY: Ascoli 1 Roma 1; Cagliari 1 Arezzo 1; Catania 0 Catanzaro 0; Fiorentina 0 Inter Milan 0; Napoli 0 Juventus 0; Sampdoria 1 Pisa 0; Torino 0 Udinese 0; Verona 2 Genoa 2.

GREECE: Aris 1 Panathinaikos 0; Verina 1 AEK 1; Doxa 1 Olympiakos 2; Ethnikos 1 Apollon 1; Katerini 3 Iraklis 3; Makedonikos 0 Larisa 1; Panathinaikos 1 OFI 1; PAOK 2 Panathinaikos 0; Rodos 0 Panathinaikos 1.

SPAIN: Real Sociedad 4 Salamanca 1; Racing 2 Real Betis 2; Espana 2; Espana 0 Malaga 2; Real Madrid 1; Espanol 0 Barcelona 3; Atletico Madrid 0 Athletic Bilbao 0; Real Zaragoza 0 Las Palmas 0; Sevilla 1 Osasuna 0; Real Valladolid 1 Valencia 0.

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ASTON VILLA	EVERTON	1
BURNLEY	WOLVES	1
COVENTRY	MAN CITY	1
LIVERPOOL	IPSWICH	4
MANCHESTER UNITED	LEEDS	5
NORWICH	SUNDERLAND	8
NOTTAM	NOTTAM	1
TOTTENHAM	SWANSEA	9
WATFORD	WATFORD	1
WEST HAM	ARSENAL	11
BURTON	S.P.A.	17
WEST HAM	LEEDS	13
CRYSTAL P.	WOLVES	17
REPT	ARSENAL	18
FULHAM	CHESHAM	18
SHREWSBURY	CHESHAM	17
LYNCASTER	SHREWSBURY	18
NEWCASTLE	NOTTAM	18
BLANCK	IPSWICH	25
SHREWSBURY	BLACKBURN	1
WOLVES	CARLISLE	22
ROTHSCHILD	WOLVES	23
BLACKBURN	IPSWICH	24
BRENTFORD	IPSWICH	25
CANVY	IPSWICH	26
CHESHAM	IPSWICH	27
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New jobs for Kowalec, Kriaris, Santos

Ardeer has secured the services of top coach Kaz Kowalec for the 1983 season. The new committee at Ardeer, headed by President Wally Gawron, is totally behind Kowalec, and believes that he and his talented young charges will give promotion a big shake this year.

Kowalec played in Poland with top First Division club LKS Lodz Australia he was a top winger in Polonia's top team in the early sixties, and a Victoria and Australia representative. More recently, he successfully coached Polonia into State League in 1981, and a creditably fifth last year.

As we went to Press Victorian First Division outfit Doncaster Rovers was expected to finalise the transfer of Chris and Kevin Middlemass from Doveton for \$1,000.

Rovers hope to move from Donvale Reserve to a new complex at Anderson's Creek Road next year. Despite a fight with local resident Rovers have gained council approval to fence off Donvale Reserve this season.

Former Slavia and George Cross great, John Sanchez, has been re-appointed coach but Rovers' striker Rob Forsyth is on a police training course and will miss most of the first half of the league season.

Altona City could win back the services of talented stopper Rob Gramsberg for about \$1,000 from Sunshine-George Cross. Bob Malloy still is first team coach and Steve Jones, Howard Mercer, Hans van der Poel and Nat Little will stay at Kim Reserve.

The local council recently finished building a \$60,000 junior dressing room and a new pitch and last year Altona City was able to wipe out its reported \$12,000 debt.

Not so Frankston City, relegated from State League last year. The Baysiders still are heavily in debt and will lose at least four quality players. Graham Tutill already has signed with Footscray J.U.S.T., Kevin Wall and Paul Drinocky seem certain to join Juventus while midfielder Paul Cooke has been training with Croydon.

Frankston hopes to retain Frank Petersen, David Pye, Bob Stewart, Bill Buchanan, Andy Golby, Andy Wright, Eddie Ormond, Rob Reader and Martin Parkes from last year's first team pool.

"We're not playing in the Dockerty, Metro or Armstrong Cups this year," said club spokesman Les Smith.

"These competitions, especially the Dockerty Cup are a waste of time financially."

First Division neighbor Frankston Pines is trying to sign Jimmy Wilson from South Melbourne Halls but the reported asking fee of \$4,000 is stalemating negotiations.

As we went to press Pines had lost one talented striker George Malcolm from last year's side. Malcolm has transferred to Third Division club South Melbourne Mordialloc for \$1,000.

Pines play Mornington in a friendly at Monterey Boulevard tonight (Wednesday), kicking-off at 6.30 pm.

Danny McMillin and Tommy Randles have swapped coaching jobs. McMillin, ex-Doveton, has joined Pines from Melbourne while Randles, ex-Slavia, has joined Melbourne from Pines.

Bobby Dobbing is Randles' assistant at Hungarian sponsored Melbourne which has signed Mark Dagnall, a striker or midfielder, from the Isthmian League in England.

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Hushhhh...

We think a club called Dandenong City still exists and is competing in the Metro Second Division, but we're not sure.

A Mr. Boardman, who we are led to believe, is a club official, told us last week that the club's public relations office can't be contacted through the day or at home. The scarlet pimpinell in question apparently has a silent home phone number.

We are led to believe that Mr X can be contacted at the clubrooms after about 7 pm on training nights, just the time when all good journalists are working up a frenzy trying to get a story.



Kaz Kowalec — Polonia to Ardeer

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Former Heidelberg Alexander youngster, winger Tom Tasovski, also looks likely to join Italian sponsored Thomastown. Lalor United wants about \$2,000 for Tasovski.

Ex-J.U.S.T. and Altona Gate swapper, Danny Aczowski, a former Metro Second Division best and fairest, also is about to join.

Thomastown has transferred striker Dave Griffiths, ex-Slavia, at \$2,500.

North Dandenong made it plain it's not prepared to be one of the minnows in Second Division when it paid \$5,000 to Sunshine-George Cross for player-coach Rob Nelson.

There's a possibility that Nelson's brother, Dave, may join Norths along with Tom Coates from Cranbourne. Steve Gummer has been transferred to Hamlyn Rangers for \$600. It's unlikely that Dandenong City's Tommy Fox or Knox City's Duncan Smith will join Norths.

North Dandenong will play Waverley City this Tuesday at Toohig Reserve. Carlton Road,

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North Dandenong. The friendly kicks off at 6.30 pm.

Nunawading City has re-appointed Nick van Egmond as player-coach.

John Gulec has transferred to Northcote for \$1000 while Scott Dean and Steve Moyle are training with Box Hill. Coach van Egmond has high

hopes for two of his most promising young players — Michael McClelland and Mark Bakker.

City hopes to sign striker Ricky Mensink from Ringwood Wilhelmnia.

Next week we'll feature news from Metro Third and Fourth Division clubs.

VICTORIAN CUP DRAWS

The following draws for the Dockerty Cup, Harry Armstrong Cup, Metropolitan League and Provisional League Cups:

DOCKERTY CUP — Preliminary Round — Saturday February 12: Preston v Geelong, Ferntree Gully v Moorabbin, Dandenong City v Sh. Oakleigh, Doncaster v Altona Gate, Bell Park v St. Albans, Springvale City v Heidelberg Bundoora, Keilor-Austria v Eltham, Moreland v Werribee, Mooroolbark v Mornington, Heidelberg UTD v Altona City, Royal Richmond v Ardeer.

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AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP — Preliminary Round — Sunday February 20: Waverley UTD v Southern Cross, Bundoora v Balacava, Maccabi Hakoah v Kooyong Springvale, Concorde v Melbourne Uni., Sh. Parkmore v Chadstone, Meadow Park v Balwyn City, R.M.I.T. v West United, Ascot UTD v Postel Institute, Epping Thistle v Endeavour Hills, Latrobe Uni. v St. Bernards.

Byes: Westall, Vermont, Nth Melbourne, Ascot Valecity, Mulgrave, Phillip UTD.

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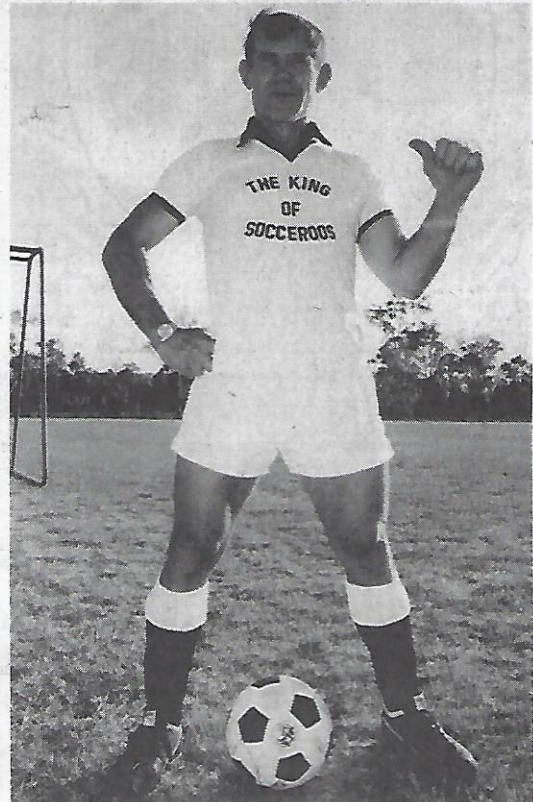
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Milan Stajkovic (left) and Zdravko Gubic were the stars of Springvale United's winning team in a recent Victorian seven-a-side tournament.

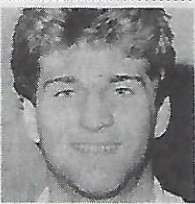
Stajkovic was top scorer and best player, while Gubic was runner-up in the best player voting.

Springvale United scored 28 goals to 3 in the tournament and beat Box Hill 4-3 on penalties in the final.

SCONFITTE SALUTARI?

Questa settimana tutte le squadre italiane di Lega Statale hanno collezionato più o meno sonanti sconfitte. Juventus e Fawknar hanno bocciato quattro reti e testate, mentre il Morwell e' rimasto nei limiti del decoroso con una sconfitta per 0-2.

Ma non e' certamente il caso di drammatizzare, specialmente nel caso di Juventus e Morwell che hanno incontrato formazioni di Lega Nazionale nella Ampol Cup e che sembrano avere i rimedi e gli uomini a portata di mano e che, dovendosi battere nella Lega Statale, scenderanno al proprio livello. Alquanto più seria la situazione del Fawknar, che e' stato superato nettamente da una avversaria che si ritroverà di fronte durante l'anno, e che non sembra avere la stessa disponibilita' di mat-



● Incantalupo potrebbe essere la soluzione della Juventus, o come stoccare oppure fonte di soldi che permetterebbero l'acquisto di qualche punta di diamante.

eriale umano delle altre due consorelle. Gli Azzurri di Jukes Road, nella loro prima

stagione nella massima divisione statale non hanno certamente intenzione di strafare, a giudicare dalla campagna acquisti che si e' limitata a Kojic, un ex del JUST, ormai anziano e da tempo fermo dall'attiva' agonistica, e due molto promettenti giovanissimi, Samipoli e Palmariocioni, che hanno sicuramente un ottimo futuro dinanzi a loro, ma che per il presente non possono essere considerati i "match winners" di cui il Fawknar avrebbe bisogno per condurre un gran campionato.

Altro che voci di acquisti "bomba" come Claudio Lucchesi, Bobby McGuinness e addirittura Fabio Incantalupo! Queste erano appunto soltanto voci, sparsesi per l'abitudine di un dirigente azzurro a par-

lare "Grande", ma il comitato del club aveva come programma un anno di consolidamento per riprendere fiato dalla incredibile corsa che il club ha fatto per arrivare in Lega Statale con ben quattro promozioni in soli cinque anni. Un programma all'insegna del buon senso e della giusta misura che deve essere capito dai tifosi.

LA LEGA STATALE E' TUTTA UN'ALTRA COSA!

Come abbiamo detto la settimana scorsa, siamo sicuri che il Fawknar potrebbe fare un discreto campionato in Lega Statale soltanto con la squadra che l'anno scorso ha vinto il campionato di prima divisione. Ma da lì ad essere una protagonista si vuole il calcio "miracolo". La Lega Statale, in rapporto alla prima divisione della Lega Metropolitana, non e' solo un salto di divisione ma un ambiente completamente differente a livello tecnico e amministrativo. Per cominciare le squadre di Lega Metropolitana giocano un calcio alla garibaldina in cui la gioventu' e la velocita' dei giocatori rendono le carte determinati. Nella Lega Statale si gioca un calcio più "cattivo", dove per cominciare, e l'esperienza e la tecnica dei suoi giocatori diventano le carte vincenti a questo gioco che sembra simile ma e' tanto diverso. Le squadre del massimo campionato sono imbutite di giocatori accesi che praticano il calcio "fisico" e spesso mandano a gambe all'aria i balzadosi giovanotti cresciuti in casa o il ridicolizzano con la loro consumata esperienza. Domenica per esempio, e' stato il "nonnetto" Rooney a domare i giovani leoni del Fawknar. E la lista di "nonnetti" che non vogliono appendere le scarpe al chiodo e' molto lunga. Basta solo pensare a Pat Bannon e Billy Rogers della Juventus, a Irvine e Smart del Morwell.

Quindi questa sonora sconfitta del Fawknar da parte di una squadra di buona levatura, ma non eccezionale, del campionato in cui dov'è partecipare durante l'anno ha indubbiamente i suoi aspetti salutari. Ha fatto capire ai tifosi che non e' possibile aspettarsi successi continui all'infinito e la squadra dovrà farsi le ossa prima di poter aspirare al ruolo di protagonista che da anni ricopriva nei campionati cadetti.

L'unica alternativa sarebbe quella di sperperare somme enormi per fare una squadra da Lega Statale, ma purtroppo questa sistema non darebbe garanzie sicure di successo, perché ci sono tanti esempi di squadre di campioni che non fanno la formazione campione: la Juventus di Rossi, Platini e Boniek ne e' un esempio classico e, più vicino casa nostra, il South Melbourne Halls ha provato che non si vincono campionati con il libretto assegni.

Per conto nostro perciò il Fawknar e' sulla strada giusta dal punto di vista amministrativo: una annata in sordina per farsi le ossa sotto tutti gli aspetti, la sapiente maturazione dei propri elementi che Certkovic e' indubbiamente capace di curare, e, il prossimo anno, la ripresa della corsa verso traguardi più difficili. E' necessario però che i

tifosi capiscano questa strategia ed imparino ad essere pazienti.

TANTO DIPENDE DA INCANTALUPO

Anche per la Juventus la sconfitta pessimissima impostata dal JUST ha degli aspetti molto salutari. Innanzitutto Margaritis ha capito di non essere più in Lega Nazionale, sconvolge il livello tecnico dei suoi giocatori gli avrebbe permesso di realizzare schemi che funzionano benissimo a tavolino. Il livello tecnico dei suoi giocatori nella Lega Statale e' invece tale che gli schemi debbono essere adattati al loro livello tenendo presente delle loro limitazioni. Il sistema di due difensori centrali affiancati in modo da spingere il gioco sulle fasce laterali, con il terzino della fascia apostata che fa da "sweeper" dietro la difesa schierata a ventaglio, non ha funzionato. Quindi e' possibile che il tecnico tornera' al sistema base di Pat Bannon come libero ben dietro il centrocampista che probabilmente sara' il giovane Paul Drinockzy. La sostituzione del portiere Fantoma crediamo sia stata fatta più per motivi psicologici che pratici. Il giovane portiere, dopo aver cacciato tre reti nel primo tempo non necessariamente per suo demerito, doveva averla il morale sotto i tacchi ed esordire con una ripulita altrettanto esigente avrebbe potuto ulteriormente intorbidire per il futuro. Crediamo perciò che Fantoma tornera' fra i pali come titolare nelle prossime uscite.

A centrocampo Rogers non ha ripetuto la sua prova maluscola della settimana precedente, ma ovviamente si tratta solo di un problema di ambientamento. A fianco a lui il mastino Ged Bannon sta ritrovando la forma, e la via della rete Nelson e' quanto mai combattivo ed efficace: l'altro posto in centrocampo potrebbe prima o poi essere affidato a Cavallari in preferenza a Swinscoe, a o Heery. Quindi problemi veri e propri in centrocampo non ce ne sono, e' solo questione di trovare la formula giusta e lo schieramento migliore.

In attacco la situazione diventera' indubbiamente migliore con il ritorno di Incantalupo, ritorno che non e' da dare per scontato perché il giovane nazionale potrebbe prendere il volo al suo ritorno dalla Costa Rica. Il resto del problema rimane però Graham French che dopo una prova maluscola in amichevole con il George Cross sembra essere tornato al suo torpore ormai cronico. Speriamo che Margaritis non si faccia portare in canzone dal "nome" e guardi al contributo reale dato da ogni giocatore e non estri per il nome. French (o Pat Bannon, Rogers e persino Vince Bannon) in panchina quando il loro rendimento non e' quello che il loro nome farebbe aspettare.

Il problema dell'attacco assume serie proporzioni se French non dovesse svegliarsi e se Incantalupo dovesse passare ad un club di Lega Nazionale, lasciando Lloyd come unica punta. Ma anche qui la soluzione sarebbe a portata di mano perché i \$15.000 ricavati dal trasferimento di Incantalupo sarebbero più che sufficienti per assicurarsi non una, ma due punte capaci di infilare tutte le difese della Lega Statale.

LA TALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO



IL "COMMENDATOR" MCGUINNESS

Morwell, contro il Preston, ha contenuto il risultato entro i limiti del decoroso, poiché perdersi per 0-2 contro una squadra di Lega Nazionale non e' certo vergogna. Ma quello che preoccupa e' che il Morwell non e' apparso solo di una divisione inferiore, ma molto approssimato a sorriere per poter fare una grande impressione anche nella Lega Statale. Il suo problema principale si chiama McGuinness che per ora e' l'ombra della saetta che era in bianconero. Ovviamente fuori forma, con la sua pancetta da commendatore, McGuinness non ha più quel guizzo che lo rese il terrore delle difese avversarie ed e' difficile che torni ad esserlo anche quando la pancetta scomparirà poiché sono gli anni che non scompaiono, anzi aumentano. Arretrato a centrocampo, per dar man forte ai troppi soli Bingham e O'Callaghan, Bobby e' stato ancora più deludente.

Il compito di Boggi nelle prossime settimane sara' di

fare una squadra affiatata e fluida con i molti elementi di classe che ha a disposizione a sta reclutando. Intanto sembra aver risolto i problemi in difesa con l'arrivo di Train e l'innesto di Derby che si sono aggiunti all'ottimo portiere Whieside e agli esperti Irvine e Smart. Unico neo di questa difesa e' che tutti i suoi componenti sono piuttosto attempati e potrebbero trovarsi in difficoltà contro gente come Cumming e Latif del Croatia, Lloyd della Juventus, Anselma e Tuffield del Fawknar: giocatori giovani, con un ottimo spunto di velocita' e fiato da vendere.

Delle tre "italiane" quindi ognuna ha i suoi problemi, ma sembra che la Juventus potrà risolvere i suoi molti primi e molto meglio delle altre due a fare quindi da battistrada verso il titolo di "migliore delle italiane" e forse andare molto vicino a quello di "campione statale". Tutto dipende da come Margaritis mettera' in ordine le sue carte e dal sostegno che riceverà dal comitato se dovesse decidere di aver bisogno di qualche altro asso nella manica.

Crowther's University back in top league

Tasmanian Scene with WALTER PLESS



Peter Crowther

The coming season will see the return to State League soccer of one of Tasmania's most gifted players. Peter Crowther, 22, will get the chance to prove himself again in the top flight as his newly-promoted club, University, mixes it with the best.

University won the league and Cup double in Rothmans Division One last year and Crowther won the club's best and fairest award. The team and Crowther therefore enter the State League with impeccable credentials.

Crowther, who has previous State League experience with Olympia and Juventus, joined University in 1981. Some said at the time that it was a move in the strong direction for the youngster who was selected by Ken Morton to represent Tasmania against Newcastle KB United in 1979.

It was an unusual move, to say the least.

Possessing incredible ball skills, especially in tight situations, as well as a keen soccer brain, Crowther would have been an automatic choice in any State League outfit. His decision to join University had nothing to do with a lack of ambition, as some may think. "I don't lack ambition," says Crowther. "My ambition is to play good soccer and to enjoy it. At the time I made the move I was out of form and I didn't really see eye to eye with some of the people in charge. I joined Uni because of the people I knew at that club. I had a tremendous amount of respect for coaches such as Ron Gouts and Guy Cliff. University plays a good standard of soccer and in terms of playing standards, management and coaching, things have improved even further since I

joined the club, so I'm quite happy here."

Although he concedes the possibility of leaving the club at some time, Crowther thinks he would always return to University in the end. He would love to end his playing days with the club, in the meantime, how does he rate University's chances this year?

"Tactics and fitness play a large part in our game. If we can harmonise these two aspects I think we can gain a mid-table position. It would be good to have a fine run in one of the cup competitions too."

As an attacking midfielder, University will be relying a lot on Crowther this season. Although he regards himself more as a creator of goals rather than as a scorer, he does know how to put chances away. Who could forget his brilliant equalizer in last season's pre-season cup game against eventual State League champion, Rapid-West Point? It showed his maturity, calmness under pressure, and superb technical skill. It is these attributes that will make Peter Crowther a force to be reckoned with in 1983.

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Από το οποίο θα αγωνιστούν φέτος. Εντός των ημερών επιστρέφουν από την Ελλάδα ο Στέβ Χότς και Πάσος Ντεντς που ήταν για διάκοπες.

Επίσης ο Λέξ Νικολάκης σύντομα θα κάνει εγχείρηση στο γόνατό του και πιστεύεται ότι στον Β' γύρο του πρωταθλήματος θα είναι και πάλι κοντά στην ομάδα του.

ΣΥΓΚΟΛΟ ΑΙΑΚΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ: Ο πεπειραμένος σέντερ Φορ Γιάννης Αϊακούπουλος που με ταχέως φέτος στην πρωταθλήτρια άδρα

Γιάραβιλ, στάθηκε πολύ άτυχος γιατί θα αποσιτάσει από την ομάδα του για αρκετό διάστημα.

Συγκεκριμένα στον φιλικό άδρα της άδρας με το Κλίφτον Χιλ ο Αϊακούπουλος έσπασε δύο δάκτυλα από το πόδι του, όταν παραπάτησε σε μία λαμβάνει.

Η στήλη του εχθρικής ταχέως ανάρωσας. Ο ΑΙΑΚΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ ΣΤΟ ΚΟΛΛΗΝΤ: Ο μέσος του Κλίφτον Χιλ Στέβ Αϊακούπουλος πήρε την μεταγραφή του για το Κόλληλντ και έπαιξε το πρώτο του παιχνίδι εναντίον της Ν.Ελλάδας.

Όπως και ο συμπαίκτης Στέβ σε βοηθήσει θετικά την ομάδα του Κόλληλντ... Καλή επιτυχία Στέβ.

ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΑ: Το νέο Δ.Συμβούλιο του Κλίφτον Χιλ εργάζεται άδρα και δημιουργία για να φτιάξει μία καλή ομάδα στο πρωτάθλημα.

Όπως μας είπε παράγων του συλλόγου μέχρι τώρα είναι ευχαριστήσιμοι όλοι από τους παίκτες που δείχνουν μεγάλο ενδιαφέρον στις προπονήσεις και στους μέχρι τώρα αγώνες που έχει δώσει το Κλίφτον Χιλ.

ΝΤΟΚΕΡΡΥ ΚΑΙ: Το Σάββατο 12 Σεπτεμβρίου για το Ντόκερρυ κλπ το "Ουάιλντ" έτος έτος έτος με το Νάτνετονγκ Σίτυ. Επίσης ο Μέγας Β' παίζει στην έδρα του με την Αλτόνα Σίτυ.

Ο Πέλος και το Κόλληλντ πέρασαν στον Β' γύρο.

ΜΕΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΤΑΝ ΚΑΙ: Το Σάββατο 26 Σεπτεμβρίου 1983 θα γίνουν οι πρώτοι αγώνες για το Μετρόπολιταν Κλάμ.

Από Ελληνικής πλευράς έχουμε τις εξής συναντήσεις:

Ο Γέρας Β' υποδέχεται στο γηπέδο του τον Πέλοπο.

Ο Πανελλήνιος παίξει εντός έδρας με το Τηλόνγκ και το "Ουάιλντ" στο γηπέδο του Άντα νίτσει με το Τζούνιερ.

Οι ομάδες Π.Ε.Α.Α.Α. και "Ουάιλντ" πέρασαν χωρίς αγώνα στον Β' γύρο.

ΠΡΟΒΛΕΨΗ ΚΑΙ: Στις 26 Σεπτεμβρίου άρχισαν και οι προπονητικές άδρες για το πρωτονομα Κλάμ οι οποίοι είναι οι εξής: Α.ΒΕΛΙΑΔΗΣ - Α.Μποσπορτζ, ΔΟΞΑ - ΜΑ ΑΒΕΡΝ, ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΟΝ - Κάνετον, ΚΑΙΤΩΝ - ΚΕΝΤΡΑΛ, ΝΥΡΤΟΡΑΣ - Τσίλντχαμ.

Οι άδρες άρχισαν στις 3.00 μ.μ. και είναι από 45 λεπτά το κάθε παιχνίδι. Σε περίπτωση ισοπαλίας θα δίνεται παράταση 20 λεπτών και αν το αποτέλεσμα δεν αλλάξει τότε ο νικητής θα κριθεί στα πέναλτι.

ΠΡΟΒΛΕΨΗ ΚΑΙ ΦΙΛΙΠΠΕΣ: Στις 26 του Σεπτεμβρίου θα γίνουν και οι αγώνες των άδρα πληρωματικών ομάδων του πρωτονομα για το Κόλληλντ.

Η άδρα έναρξης των συναντήσεων είναι 1.00 μ.μ. και οι κανονισμοί ισχύουν όπως και στις Α' ομάδες.

Οι συναντήσεις έχουν ως εξής: Πάσοςβελ - ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΟΝ, ΑΕΝΙΣΙΑΔΗΣ - Μόνας, Ρήζεντ - ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑ ΠΑΡΑΒΙΑ, ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΧΙΑ - Γ. Σανσόν, ΜΑΒΕΡΝ - Νότ Μπρόνσονγκ, ΣΕΝ ΠΡΑ - Αδωνταίλντ.

Για τον επόμενο γύρο άδρα αγώνες προκηρύχθηκαν οι ομάδες Σ.Νάτνετονγκ, Μόμαλντ, ΚΑΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ, Νόε, Μπέρικ, Ντρίντλντ, Κάρλτον, Αμποσπορτζ, Τηλόνγκ, Τσίλντχαμ, Γ. Τηλόνγκ, Χάμpton και Μονκλόντ.

ΣΑ.ΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ

Τα αποτελέσματα των αγώνων της Κυριακής έχουν ως εξής: Κόλληλντ - Κάρλτον 4-0, Δόξα-Λαονίδια 2-1, ΜΑΒΕΡΝ-Ν.Ε.Α.Δ. 2-1, Μορτιέλλον-Σεντράλ 1-1.

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

POSLEDNJA PREPREKA

JUST je usao u novu sezonu sa vecom zeljom i nadom, sto je potvrdio sa prvim rezultatima u Ampol kupu. Protivu tradicionalno neugodne Makedonije PLAVI su bili blizi pobedi, dok je ambiciozni Juventus pregazen u sampionskom stilu. Da sve ovo nije obicna varka JUST treba da dokaze ovog petka protiv Green Gully Ajaxa na Olympic Parku. PLAVIMA je dovoljan neresen rezultat, ali moraju ici na pobeđu ako zele da ukrote protivnika, koji zaslužuje puno poštovanje sto je dobro osetila Makedonija. Na velikom iskušenju bice JUST-ova odbrana, jer najmanja greska bice skupo placena. Treba sprečiti Paul Lewisa, koji je trn u tele svake odbrane, da se slobodno kreće u opasnoj zoni. Ofsajd klopke nisu pozeljne, jer su mac sa dve ostrice. Vazno je da protivnik vise brine o JUST-ovoj navali, nego obratno, sto znaci da je napad najbolja odbrana. Istina, kako ce JUST igrati zavisi mnogo od zdravlja najboljih igrača. Zdravko Lujic je istegao misic, a Vlatko Belic treba da operise stopalo. Pored toga Pavle Simic nije stario zenu ranu, sto znaci da ce trener morati da menja stil i taktiku, ako ne bude imao na raspolaganju ova tri igrača.

Prema tome, ne treba olakovati ovu utakmicu, koja moze da pokvari izvanredan utisak na pocetku nove sezone.

Makedonija igra prvu utakmicu protiv Juventusa. Na papiru, Makedonija je favorit, ali ne treba zaboraviti da Juventus zna i moze da igra daleko bolje nego protiv JUST-a, sto je pokazala prva utakmica protiv Ajaksa, koja se zavrсила bez golova, iako je Juve bio blizi pobedi.

Ako sve bude u redu, odnosno, ako igrači JUST-a i Makedonije budu na visini zadatka, njihovi klubovi ce biti prvi polufinalisti Ampol kupa u Melbourne.

JUST-ovi igrači imaju su jednu veliku obaveznu prema navijacima, koji priredjuju PLAVO VECE u subotu 12. februara u Dandenong Town Hall-u. Uspesh ove zabave zavisi od rezultata utakmice izmedju JUST-a i Ajaksa u petak uvece.

PRIPREME ZA NOVU SEZONU

Pored nocnih utakmica na Olympic Parku, paznju fudbalskih navijaca privlaci niz turnira i dnevnih prijateljskih utakmica nizerazrednih klubova u Melbourne. U tome prednjace nasi klubovi.

Springvale United (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo) je napravilo podvig osvajanjem prvog mesta na turniru malog fudbala, koji svake godine priredjuje Monash University. Ove godine turnir

je privukao 48 timova, tako da je dva dana Univerzitet bio živ kao kosnica daleko pre pocetka skolske godine. Igralo se bez prestanka na 8 terena. Na pocetku turnira izgledalo je da ce trijumfovati veterani Taraksa, kada su u prvom kolu pobedili mnogo mlađji sastav Bratstva/Jedinstva. To je bio jedini poraz Bratstva/Jedinstva, dok je Tarax naglo popularnost, cim je Ibro Hadzadzic dobio crveni karton zbog duplog prigovora sudiji. Nije mogao da igra do kraja turnira, pa je Tarax u završnici izgubio dve utakmice protiv slabih protivnika. Najdale su dogurali (od nasih timova) Bratstvo/Jedinstvo, Split "B", Split "A" i Hawksburn. Hawksburn i Split "A" su ispali u cetvrtfinalu, Split "B" u polufinalu, dok je Bratstvo/Jedinstvo triumfovalo, posto je pobedilo u finalu Box Hill sa 4:3 na jedanaeseterce.

Prosle nedelje su odigrane sledece prijateljske utakmice:

DRUGI TIM JUST-a - Thomastown 3:1. Strelci: Armstrong 2 i Tom Karic.

RICHMOND - Drugi tim JUST-a 2:0. Po paklenoj vrućini pobedu je iskusi tim Richmonda, koji trenira Miro Kupunic, a za njega igraju (pored Miro) "plavi" veterani MIRKO Rujevic i Dragan Vasic. Po sansama JUST je mogao da pobedi sa 6:2. Emil Petrov i Cane

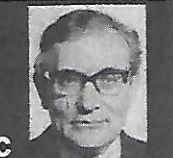
Veleviski su promasili najmanje po tri sitera. U predgri rezervu "plavih" savladala je Richmond sa 4:2 (2:2). Strelci: Zoran Pasoski 2, Petar Krnic i Miki Cvetkovski.

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO - KARINGAL 2:0. Oba gola postigao je Milan Stojilovic.

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO - CARLTON/MLADOST 1:0 (0:0). U ravnopravnoj igri pobedio je sretniji tim. Dva minuta pre kraja utakmice lopta se od stativce odbila u mrežu Mladosti. Strelac je bio novajlija Zek Tepic. Oba tima se solidno pripremaju za novu sezonu. Mladost se pojavila sa golmanom Nikolom Banovicem, koji je presao Crvene zvezde, proslodijšnjeg amaterskog prvaka Melbourne. U predgri je rezervu Bratstva/Jedinstva pobedila Mladost sa 2:1 (2:1). Strelci: Predrag Cvek i Zoran Djukic za Bratstvo/Jedinstvo i Gane Srbonovski za Mladost.

U nedelju 13. februara Bratstvo/Jedinstvo igra prijateljsku utakmicu protiv South Dandenonga na imanju Jugoslovenskog radničkog radničkog centra u Keysborough. U 1 po podne pocinju timovi ispod 18 godina, u 2, 30 rezerve, a u 4, 30 prvi timovi.

Juniori JUST-a treniraju u Footscray Park. Dobrodošli su novi juniori, narocito ispod 10 i 13 godina, koji treniraju sredom i petkom uvece. Decari ispod 15 i 16 godina treniraju utorkom i cetvrtkom.



ZIKA NIKOLIC

Penarol—best team in the world



Penarol captain Walter Olivera ideas the World Club Cup after Aston Villa had been vanquished.

By beating Aston Villa 2-0 in the World Club Cup in Tokyo, Penarol of Uruguay earned the title of best team in the world.

And Uruguay has gained this magnificent distinction despite a domestic financial crisis and the loss of key players abroad. It was a shock, therefore, that Penarol was able to bring back Uruguay's legendary goalkeeper Fernando Morena from Valencia of Spain for more than a million dollars.

Morena's influence in Uruguay is so great that the first thing he did was to insist that Penarol sign a new coach. In fact, it was Morena who picked him — former national coach Hugo Bagnulo, 67.

And it was Morena and Bagnulo who took Penarol to that magnificent victory over Aston Villa.

Penarol also won the South American Libertadores Cup, of course, and Morena scored the goal in the 1-0 victory over Cerezo in the national leg of the final.

Penarol has had many great players over the years, including Alcides Giggles, Pepe Schiaffino, Diego Maradona and Victor Andrade.

The men who make up the usual senior team today are:

GUSTAVO FERNANDEZ, Uruguay's third-choice goalkeeper during the 1981 "Mundialito" which Uruguay won.

DIOGO, the only flank defender who moves up well into the attack.

OLIVERA, veteran international who is slowing down, so he now plays it safe in the middle of the defence but still is strong at



Ricardo Ortiz of Penarol holds possession under pressure from Aston Villa's Des Bremner.

heading and uses that ability in attack at corners and free kicks.

GUTIERREZ, safe and fast central defender. **MORALES**, another veteran international who is slowing down, so he too concentrates on defending his flank without moving up much.

SARALEGUI, mainly defensive in midfield on the right side, and has a good understanding with Diogo.

BOSSIO, junior international and the team's outstanding newcomer, never tires in his mid-field defensive duties.

JAIR, a Brazilian midfielder from Inter-mocional and Porto Alegre. Doesn't mark anyone and waits for the ball to come to him but is devastating when he has it due to his great flair, his precision passing and explosive bursts. Takes most of the free kicks and can curve the ball in a Zico.

VARGAS, classical winger for the fast counter-attacks and good scorer with his head.

MOREIRA, played in the 1976 World Cup and was in the Uruguay team that lost to Australia 0-2 at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1974. Brought back from Valencia for \$1 million, he was top scorer in Uruguay and in the Libertadores Cup.

RAMOS, tricky winger and star of Uruguay's "Mundialito" — winning team. Troubled by injury but has a good understudy in SILVA.

Penarol's passage into the Libertadores Cup final was far from easy.

The Uruguayans had to qualify by beating none other than the mighty Grêmio, São Paulo and Flamengo of Brazil and of course Cerezo of Chile.



Jair Gonçalves takes a shot at goal with the outside of his foot.

Latins stand tall

Penarol's victory over Aston Villa was the fifth successive time South American has triumphed over Europe in the World Club Cup.

Match details:

Penarol 2 (Jair 2, Silva 68) Aston Villa 0 HT: 1-0. Att: 62,000. Ref: Luis Siles (Costa Rica).

PENAROL: 1 Fernandez — 4 Diogo, 2 Olivera, 6 Morales, 3 Gutierrez — 8 Saralegui, 6 Bossio, 10 Jair — 7 Ramos, 9 Moreira, 11 Silva. Substitutes not used: Aris, Falaro, Montelongo, Ortiz, Rodriguez. Coach: Hugo Bagnulo.

VILLA: 1 Rimmer — 2 Jones, 4 Evans, 5 McNaught, 3 Williams — 7 Bremner, 6 Mortimer, 10 Cowans — 8 Shaw, 9 Withe, 11 Morley. Substitutes not used: Spink, Gibson, Heard, Walters. Manager: Tony Barton.

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONS: 1980 Real Madrid, 1981 Penarol, 1982 Santos, 1983 Santos, 1984 Internazionale, 1985 Inter, 1986 Penarol, 1987 Racing BA, 1988 Estudiantes, 1989 Milan, 1990 Feyenoord, 1991 Nacional, 1992 Ajax, 1993 Independiente, 1994 Atletico Madrid, 1995 — 1976 Bayern Munich, 1977 Boca Juniors, 1978 — 1979 Olimpia, 1980 Nacional, 1981 Flamengo, 1982 Penarol.

Name	Position	Age
Gustavo Fernandez	Goalkeeper	30
Carlos Arias	Goalkeeper	22
Miguel Falero	Defence	25
Nestor Montelongo	Defence	27
Nelson Gutierrez	Stopper	20
Walter Olivera (capt)	Centre back	30
Victor Diogo	Right back	24
Juan Vicente Morales	Left back	28
Miguel Bossio	Midfield	22
Mario Saralegui	Midfield	23
Jair Gonçalves	Midfield	29
Ricardo Ortiz	Midfield	26
Daniel Rodriguez	Attack	16
Fernando Moreira	Centre forward	30
Vanciano Ramos	Outside left	23
Walker Silva	Outside left	22
Ernesto Vargas	Outside right	21

Loan scheme a joke, Held sacked

Rossi tops

The English football league's decision to permit loan deals of players between clubs this season has not only killed off permanent transfer deals and the money market but has erupted into a joke as well as being thoroughly abused.

As I write over 120 loan transfer deals have been effected so far this season in the English Leagues and PFA secretary Gordon Taylor is most concerned that many of his members who have been involved are being pushed nearer the debt queue. Many clubs are ditching players on loan deals simply to save them paying the wages and there has been little or no indication that the loan deals eventually result in permanent transfers.

The loan transfer deadline expires on March 12 and it's certain that the PFA together with more than a few lone voices will endeavour to have the present ruling scrapped at the League AGM and replaced by something less open to abuse.

namita" scored his 500th in a victory by Vasco Da Gama.

Pareira quits

Carlos Alberto Pareira, the manager of Kuwait, has completed his contract and will not renew it. Kuwait recently lost the final of the Asian Games in New Delhi through a last-minute goal by Iraq's Hossain Mohammed in front of a 80,000 crowd.

Giacomini sacked

Massimo Giacomini was sacked by Napoli and replaced by his former coach, Bruno Pesaola. Giacomini, previously sacked by Milan and Torino, this time was the scapegoat for Napoli's 0-1 loss to Cagliari. Roman Diaz has been a major disappointment for Napoli.

\$4 mil. for Roma

Italian league leader Roma has taken \$4 million in gate receipts so far. Its average crowd 60,000. Bruno Conti, one of the heroes of Italy's World Cup win, is starting for Roma.

Hang it all!

One of Colchester United's top strikers, John Lyden, 25, was found hanged in his Essex home after earlier telephoning his girlfriend and speaking dejectedly about his failure to make the big time in soccer. Welsh-born Lyons was bought from Cambridge United last season.

Zico hits 600

Zico scored twice in Flamengo's 5-0 win against Madureira, thus completing 600 goals in first-class soccer. Roberto "Di-



Dickinson dies

Jimmy Dickinson, who played 764 league games for Portsmouth when they were a top side and represented England in defence in the World Cups of 1950 and 1954, died at his home in Hampshire.

Fichtel's record

Wander Bremen sweeper Klaus Fichtel, 38, is one of the oldest players in the Bundesliga. Way back in 1971 when Fichtel was at his peak and played for Schalke 04 he was first choice for the national side and won 23 caps. Then a bribery scandal blew up and Fichtel was guilty of helping relegation-threatened Arminia Bielefeld beat his own side and was suspended for life. Couple of years later the authorities relented and lifted the suspension but Fichtel never again was called upon for West Germany. Fichtel will soon pass the record number of league games played by a West German player and this season helped Werder to be in Europe for the first time in 17 years.

Cup final dates

The European Cup final will be played at the Olympiastadion in Athens on May 25 while the cup winners final is scheduled for the Ullevi Stadium in Stockholm on May 11.

From JIM COOK our European correspondent

A \$130 slurp

A West Ham fan paid \$130 for a match ball autographed by the Hammer players for charity, took it home and left it in the lounge overnight. When he woke up next morning he found his dog had licked all the players names off the ball.

Fagan for Paisley

Joe Fagan, 61, a member of Liverpool's backroom staff for over 20 years, is red-hot favourite to succeed Bob Paisley who retires at the end of the season. Fagan, a non-league player for many years, had a short spell as a defender with Manchester City.

Air crash

Manchester United and Red Star Belgrade will meet in a memorial match in Belgrade in either February or March to mark the 25th anniversary of the air crash in Munich, when eight United players were killed on their way home from a European Cup match in Belgrade. The crash, which also nearly claimed the life of Matt Busby, took place on February 6, 1958.

Held sacked

Siggi Held, 40, who played on the losing West German side

against England in the 1966 World Cup final, has been sacked as manager of West German club Schalke 04.

Scots tour

Scotland will make its first ever international visit to Canada this summer and play three games against the Canadian national XI in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto around the middle of June. The Vancouver match will be played in the new 60,000 all-seater indoor stadium which will mark the official opening. All three games are certain to be a sell-out as there are many thousands of exiled Scots in North America.

Rossi wins

Paolo Rossi of Italy is the European Player of the Year. Voting: Paolo Rossi (Italy, Juventus) 115 votes; Alain Giresse (France, Bordeaux) 64; Zbigniew Boniek (Poland, Juventus) 53; Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (W. Germany, Bayern Munich) 51; Bruno Conti (Italy, Roma) 48; Rina Dasayev (Soviet Union, Moscow Spartak) 17; Pierre Littbarski (W.G. Köln) 10; Dino Zoff (Italy, Juventus) 9; Michel Platini (France, Juventus) 5; Bernd Schuster (W.G. Barcelona) 4; Giancarlo Antognoni (Italy, Fiorentina) 3; Eric Gerets (Belgium, Standard Liege), Bruno Pezzey (Austria, Eintracht Frankfurt) and Gaetano Scirea (Italy, Juventus) 2 each; Paul Breitner (W.G. Bayern), Torbjorn Nilsson (Sweden, Kaiserslautern), Walter Schachner (Austria, Renssela), Marco Tardelli (Italy, Juventus) and Marius Tresor (France, Bordeaux) all 1 each.

Past winners: 1956 Stanley Matthews, 1957 Alfred Di Stefano, 1958 Raymond Kopa, 1959 Di Stefano, 1960 Luis Suarez, 1961 Omar Sivori, 1962 Josef Masopust, 1963 Lev Ya-



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Coach Banks
Gordon Banks, the former England goalkeeper, has a special stint every Monday. He travels to Luton to personally supervise and coach Luton Scottish-born keeper Jake Findlay.

Poles hurt

Polish World Cup star Andrzej Iwan, 23, has had a serious knee operation and his team mate Waldemar Matyski of Gornik Zabrze entered hospital with a mysterious illness.

Brazil tour

Dates for Brazil's European tour: June 8 v. Portugal, June 12 v. West Germany, June 17 v. Switzerland, June 22 v. Sweden.